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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

APRIL 2004

I've smiled a lot in the last month, but two grins stand out in particular. Contrary to my normal practice of manufacturing some moral lesson out of nothing, I just enjoyed this first moment. At a breakfast where I had the privilege to speak to the Pepperdine University Board of Regents, dumb luck dropped me into a seat next to Art Linkletter. An hour of laughter followed. I knew it would be fun when the subject turned to U.S. presidents. "Last month I was at the White House to get some kind of humanitarian award," Art begins. "So I call Barbara and tell her I'd like a little time alone with George W. Well, I get my award and they take me to his office. As I enter, he stands up, walks around his desk and says, 'I hear you've been talking to my mother.'" I bet that doesn't happen every day. So I asked Art if he knew other presidents. "Oh, I've been tight with them all; why, I remember the first time I introduced Herbert Hoover for a speech..." Whoa! Linkletter is 91 and gives 70 speeches per year! I've used up my words here, so I'll tell you about my other smile at the end of this letter. Thanks to all of you for caring about Whitworth. I hope you are smiling often and feeling a special awareness of Christ's presence in this Lenten season.

ACADEMICS

Building a great faculty is one of the most important things we do. This year we need to fill 13 faculty slots, an usually large number. Five of these are new positions to help us cover the growth in our undergraduate enrollment. I meet with all the candidates, and I can say that this year's group is amazing. In a couple cases, we've hired folks who are passing up staggering opportunities for Whitworth's mind-and-heart mission.

Rose Sliger, '02, (Weyerhaeuser Center) has been awarded two grants, the first from the Washington Civil Liberties Project from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for a joint venture with North by Northwest Productions to create a video and a website about Japanese Americans in the Northwest during WWII. (Check out www.whitworth.edu/Coast&Camp.) The second is from Humanities Washington to develop a radio program on the role of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Northwest.

In a multitude of ways, former faculty members continue to support Whitworth. For example, over the past 13 years Religion Professor Emeritus Howard Redmond and his wife, Lois, have supported an annual literary reading program in honor of Howard's mother, who was a great lover of literature. Leonard Oakland (English) thanked the Redmonds at a Faculty Scholarship Forum in March, noting the wide range of great writers whom the Ada Redmond Readings have been able to bring to Whitworth.

The "thank you" to Howard and Lois came on the day when Keith Beebe (Religion) presented to his faculty colleagues a fascinating summary of his doctoral research on a major spiritual revival in Scotland in the 1700s. Our Faculty Scholarship Forum is supported generously by alumni Carol and Dave Myers, '64 and '65 respectively. (Dave's one of our trustees and a psychology professor at Hope College.) Other presentations this semester have been by Hans Bynagle (Library), Karin Heller (Religion), and Jim McPherson (Communications).

Speaking of great writers, this week we hosted Kathleen Norris, nationally known author of *The Cloister Walk*, *Dakota*, and other books on spirituality. She spoke to a group of faculty, staff and students on the question of vocation, visited classes, and gave our annual Simpson-Duvall Lecture; this year's title was *Spirituality for the Real World*, and Norris was humble, thought-provoking and poignant.

In March, the Whitworth Chamber Singers performed at the Northwestern Regional Convention of the American Choral Directors Association. Choirs were chosen last spring by submitting an audition tape with songs from the past three years. It's a great honor to be chosen, and the group's performance was cheered enthusiastically. Under the direction of Debbie Hansen (Music), the ensemble includes 25 members, from all class years and many different majors at Whitworth.

Artist Kathy Knowles, '66, has a clay exhibit in our Koehler Gallery. The exhibit runs through April 16. Kathy focuses on the personalities and characters of the subjects she sculpts, says Scott Kolbo (Art). Some of her figurative sculptures in this exhibit, says Scott, celebrate the solidarity of women from all cultures. I know the solidarity of the women in my house is more powerful than a locomotive and forms faster than a speeding bullet.

Whitworth has the only center for gifted education in Washington, and we're celebrating its 25th anniversary. In an era when the emphasis in education is on students who are not making expected academic progress, Whitworth has held on to programs that challenge the most

able learners. Director Margo Long is on the Washington State Advisory Committee for Gifted Education; in May she'll attend an invitation-only national conference, *Defining the Field of Gifted Education*.

J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* will be this year's spring production. The play involves the suicide of a young woman and explores how the members of the family for whom she worked each have reason to feel responsible for her death. Rick Hornor, '70, (Theatre) says he has wanted to direct *An Inspector Calls* for many years because the play reminds us that our actions have consequences and our words can hurt or help others. The play is in Cowles Auditorium on April 16, 17, 18, 23 and 24.

ENROLLMENT

The Financial Aid Office has sent out awards to all new freshmen and transfer students who applied by the March 1 priority deadline. The deadline for renewing students is still May 1, so there's time to get your taxes done first. Also, it's now time to begin reviewing all endowed-scholarship applications. Because so many applications were submitted, the Financial Aid Office will notify only the recipients. (Thanks to all of you who provide funds for these special scholarships. They make a huge difference in our students' lives.)

This year we have – again – the most applications in our history. As I write, we're nearing the end of the scholarship-competition weekend. It has been great spending time with a stunning group of high-school seniors. Yesterday, Bonnie and I hosted for breakfast 147 bright, warm, inquisitive students whose cumulative SAT score I computed to be right at 200,000. (I remember explaining to my parents that you were supposed to divide your SAT score by 100, and if your age exceeded the quotient, you were considered a genius.)

STUDENT LIFE

Student-leadership hiring for the 2004-05 school year is concluding right now, and we're gearing up for the election of ASWC leaders. Within another week about 100 new student leaders will begin training for their fall leadership responsibilities.

Returning from Spring Break has given us a chance to hear from our SERVE students, just back from their Habitat for Humanity trip in California. Outdoor Rec is taking advantage of the final snow days by going to local ski resorts offering cheap spring rates. Yesterday, some of our students played tennis in the morning and skied in the afternoon – both in shirtsleeves. In April, ASWC will focus on preparations for Spring Fest, its annual fair sponsored by various campus organizations. All proceeds from this event will go to Cup of Cool Water, a ministry to teenage street kids.

Last night's luau was one of the best ever. Great food, great dancers, and some great new dances were the product of more than 75 of our Hawaiian Club students working all year, not to mention a ton of support from our Hawaiian parents, who brought over more than a ton of foliage, flowers and food.

RESOURCES

In a world of spam (not to be confused with the favorite food of congealed-fat-and-salt lovers) and telemarketing, we are so grateful to all of you who have been kind enough to chat with our phonathon students. They're now in the home stretch. Special thanks to the 35 students who have spent the semester "smiling and dialing." Thanks to so many of you who have made pledges and gifts to support us this year. If we haven't reached you yet, you should be getting a call in the next few weeks.

Speaking of pledges, we're experiencing an amazing record of timely payments from all of you who made commitments to support Weyerhaeuser Hall. Thank you so much. We calculate a cash flow that depends on the schedules you provided, so your faithfulness really helps us. The building is looking great!

ATHLETICS

The Whitworth softball team is rolling through its most successful season ever. The Pirates are 17-4 overall and 9-3 in the Northwest Conference behind the best 1-2 pitching combination in the NWC. Junior Alana Klaus is 11-1 with a microscopic 0.48 earned run average. Sophomore Jo Sonnett is 6-3 with a very strong 1.24 ERA. The Pirates swept through a trip to the Sun West Tournament in California, winning all five contests. Most impressive was a win over perennial powerhouse Williams College.

Our baseball team is 8-13 overall and 4-8 in conference. One week they're errorless world-beaters; the next week they're taking it on the chin. Junior pitcher Dan Lundeberg is 3-0 with a 3.71 ERA, and senior Brian Moser and junior Casey Thomas are both hitting above .400. My baseball karma has been good this season. I've seen five games (all of three and part of two), and I've yet to see the Bucs trail.

Whitworth's track & field teams are gearing up for the NWC championships April 24-25. Senior sprinters Kristin Shields and Ben Rorem have set the early pace. In a meet at Azusa Pacific, Kristin set a new school record and provisionally qualified for the NCAA championships in the 100 with a time of 12:11. Yesterday, we added several more national qualifiers in our own invitational. I especially enjoyed watching the running of the Steeplechase – a race in which the legendary Ben Robinson, '03, found need for a swimsuit, kneepads, and a mouthguard in addition to his track shoes.

The women's tennis team returned from California with a pair of wins under their belts. The wins, over Mills College and Cal Tech, evened Whitworth's record at 5-5. Sophomore Sandy Fujitani has a match record of 7-2 this spring; freshman Rachel McCoola is 7-3 in singles play. The Bucs will play in the NWC tournament in Yakima on April 16-17.

The men's tennis team also picked up a win in California, defeating Dominican College. Whitworth is 7-6 going into today's match with Pacific. Freshmen Michael Carlson and Isaac Lanctot are playing well. The guys are 7-1 in their last eight matches as they gear up for the conference meet.

Our new golf teams are doing great. The men took 2nd in the conference spring tournament – amazing considering that this is the first year of our resurrected program. The women also did well, with a 6th-place showing.

Four Whitworth swimmers came back from the NCAA swimming and diving championships as All-Americans. Junior Serena Fadel earned two All-America finishes when she took third in the 400 individual medley and sixth in the 200 breaststroke. Senior Kevin Wang,

junior Cory Bergman and sophomore Loren Kilgore were All-Americans at the men's championships. Kevin just missed his goal of a threepeat championship in the 400 I.M., finishing second. Cory finished fifth in the 200 breaststroke, setting a new school record, and Loren earned fourth in the 1,650 freestyle. Serena scored enough points by herself for Whitworth to finish 29th in the women's meet, while the Pirate men finished 11th overall.

Finally, senior Bryan Depew and junior Tiffany Speer were named Third Team All-Americans by D3hoops.com. Bryan finished his career as Whitworth's all-time leading scorer in men's basketball and the first player in Whitworth history to earn First Team All-NWC honors all four years of his career. Tiffany was chosen Northwest Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

ALUMNI

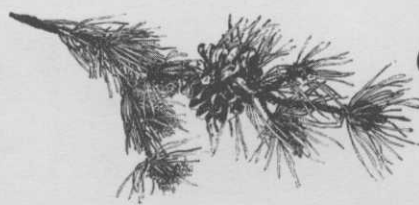
The Class of 1954 will celebrate its Golden Reunion during Alumni Family Weekend, June 18-20. Plan now to join them or one of the other eight reunions that weekend. Register online at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/familyweekend2004.htm.

Plan now for Core 650 lectures by Professor Leonard Oakland (English) May 22 in Bel Air, Calif., and May 23 in San Diego. Brochures will be mailed soon.

The Parents Council met recently to discuss its work with the admissions and alumni and parent relations programs. We are so grateful for their work. If you're the parent of a current student and you'd like more information on becoming involved in the council, please contact Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Karen Habbestad at 800-532-4668 or khabbestad@whitworth.edu.

The other memorable smile crossed my face last Tuesday when I saw first-year professor Peter Tucker, '91, sprinting across The Loop to screams of "Get it, Pete!" in a game of Ultimate Frisbee. Pete was a bigtime Frisbee rat as a student here 15 years ago. After roughly 10 years in business, he left the Seattle/Portland corporate world to get his doctorate in computer science. He is now back in Spokane with his wife and four kids. I thought about my interview with him for this job. He never knocked his corporate life. He said he just wanted to pursue something different. Was he talking about Frisbees? Yes, I think chasing a Frisbee amidst hollering students, some of whom he had taught earlier that day, is exactly what Pete had in mind. Well, you may have noticed that I've worked on this letter over a four-day stretch. It is now Palm Sunday and I am about to go celebrate Christ's kingly entrance into Jerusalem and drop to my knees in thanksgiving for his humble descent into my heart. And I will pray for you, S.H. To all of you, I wish the rich blessings of the triumphant suffering servant.

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DECEMBER 2004

Someone goes to the front of the class for scheduling Advent immediately after Thanksgiving. Spared from the typical post-holiday realism, you can ram your spirit right into Christmas gear. It's so great. I just sat down to write and found myself dangerously close to the TV remote control. Remembering that hidden among the 10,000 channels we never use is a "sounds of the season" music station, I beamed up tunes that would embarrass any self-respecting elevator...but they were Christmas tunes. So I'm back in the mood! I hope Thanksgiving lifted your spirits. Four occurrences defined mine. I anguished for a really neat student whose father died. I rejoiced for another student I know quite well who walked away from an auto accident that should have killed him. I spent an entire day with our godson, talking, laughing, playing games and feeling my blood thicken into syrup as I gave him what every kid wants – menu control. Finally, I meandered with our basketball team toward the Spokane Airport baggage-claim area, wondering why Coach Jim Hayford had sprinted off the plane. Then I spotted 10-year-old Jayme Hayford snuggling with her dad. After 36 straight days of chemical hell in the hospital, where she's being treated for a recurrence of leukemia, she was given a three-hour pass to meet her dad at the airport and check on her pets at home. For me, it was in Jim's eyes that Thanksgiving and Advent met. These two holidays don't bump into each other only on the calendar, or even in the gratitude and longing of a tearful dad. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" unites our thankfulness and hope in the advent cry of John the Baptist: "Jesus is coming!" May Christ's peace and healing come quickly to you and to our world. I hope you have a great holiday season.

ACADEMICS

Competing against 75 teams from the most prestigious West Coast universities, our computer-science students didn't know how they'd fare when Kent Jones took them to a regional contest in Portland last month. They did well, taking 23rd place. Junior Nathan Backman observed, "It was intimidating going up against students from far larger programs than ours, but we did fine and it was a great experience to tackle successfully one problem after another in a competitive situation."

Whitworth has received two grants in the past month. Keith Kelley, our service-learning coordinator, received one, from the Bonner Foundation, to provide additional funding for activities surrounding the Bonner Leaders Program. And Hans Bynagle, our library director, received the other, from the Washington State Library's Preservation Initiative. This grant provides a consultant to conduct a library-preservation-needs assessment. In conjunction with this project the 100-year run of *The Whitworthian* will be microfilmed for preservation; the archives is asking for donations of any issues from 1890-1940. In some cases these will replace deteriorating newspapers, and in other cases they will fill in existing gaps. Please contact our archivist, Janet Hauck (509.777.4751 or jhauck@whitworth.edu), if you have any old issues.

Associate Dean Gordon Jackson sent me a note saying, "This may qualify as the least surprising news item of the year: Our School of Education has officially earned renewed accreditation at both the national and state levels." He's right, but the news still carries great importance. The concurrent review last March by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and our state's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction led to both groups' renewal of their "seal of approval" on what we're doing. We owe special thanks to Professor of Education Barb Sanders, '92 MIT, who did an excellent job heading the accreditation project. That the superb work done by Dean Dennis Sterner and his crew impressed their peers pleases us, but our real joy comes from knowing about all the children who benefit from the great teachers we prepare. In that regard, the KHQ Teacher of the Month for November 2004 was M.Ed. graduate Lucien Saurette, a French teacher at Spokane's East Valley High School.

When my musician mother handed me off to my musician wife I'm sure she whispered, "Keep making music for the boy" before she mumbled something about my savage whatever. Well, someone who's never been without great music in the home couldn't have a better job than mine. Tonight I head to Seattle for this year's Christmas Festival Concert titled *Magnificat: We Magnify the Lord*. Next weekend the concerts will be here in Spokane. Next week we'll also hear from our string orchestra, conducted by Roberta Bottelli. The concert will showcase two beloved pieces for string orchestra: *Serenade for Strings*, by Elgar, and . . . well, *Serenade for Strings*, by Tchaikovsky. Roberta, a cellist in the Spokane Symphony, began teaching strings at Whitworth in 2001 and formally established the string orchestra last year.

Also in the music category, we just received word that the Christmas concert and Whitworth Choir Director Marc Hafso will be included in a national PBS program, *Religion & Ethics Newsweekly*, airing the weekend before Christmas. The show will explore the ways in which Protestants view Mary these days. To see when the program will be broadcast in your area, go to the website www.pbs.org/religion and click on the "TV Schedule" link on the left. This PBS special represents one of many ways in which our music program shines a bright academic light on Whitworth. A couple of weeks ago, the National Association of Teachers of Singing sponsored a competition

in which we had five student winners out of the eight divisions. They include two first-place winners, Kyrsten Hafso, '07, and Lindsay Delmarter, '05; and three second-place winners, Heather Botts, '05, Hannah Kimball, '06, and Daisy Nau, '05.

The PBS special I mentioned comes on the heels of a Scott Simons interview I happened to hear on NPR that featured Anna Schowengerdt, '93, and her experiences in Iraq leading a team for Catholic Relief Services. I hope you were able to hear of the selfless humanitarian work Anna has done on behalf of Iraqi war victims. She was on campus last year and gave a moving account of the horror and hope that she encountered in Iraq as she embodied the Whitworth mission to honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity.

ENROLLMENT

Interest in Whitworth continues to run strong. Our early action freshman application deadline of Nov. 30 has come and gone, and we have our first indication of the developing fall '05 applicant pool. At this point, both early action and total freshman applications are ahead of last year's record number by approximately 20 percent. Early action applications are currently being reviewed by the admissions staff, and decision letters and e-mails will be sent to these applicants before Christmas.

Financial Aid Director Wendy Olson reports that renewal FAFSA application information will be sent out from the Department of Education to continuing students this month. For those who listed an e-mail address on the FAFSA last year, the information will be sent directly to the student (not the parents) via e-mail. Families can submit the renewal application starting Jan. 1 and can do so online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. A PIN code is required to sign the electronic form (parents need one too, if their children are still dependents). PINs can be obtained any time by going to www.pin.ed.gov.

STUDENT LIFE

Activities in November were many and varied. Among the highlights were comic Troy Thirdgill; a bunch of students stuffed into a skybox that ASWC scored for the Spokane Chiefs hockey game; Midnight Madness, set up by Sports Events Coordinator Colin Storm, '07, and featuring the women's and men's basketball teams and a lot of fan involvement (including a chance for two students to win a year's worth of free tuition, which they didn't, making the insurance company happy and the rest of us sad); and discounted group tickets from ASWC for students to see *Les Misérables* at the Opera House. My two highlights of these events were *Les Mis*, of course, and a moment in the faculty-vs.-women's team game when I spun around with the ball, and in the same way that centrifugal force projects drool from the mouth of a spinning toddler, the ball flew out of my hands, kissed the glass and dropped in the rack for two points. It was a beautiful thing, ladies and gentlemen.

Actually, one of the best events of the month was the 19th annual International Banquet, *Passing the Torch: An International Odyssey*, sponsored by the Whitworth International Club and our senior cultural-diversity advocates. Most of the 56 international students (representing 29 countries) currently attending Whitworth participated, preparing and serving a delicious banquet meal, including specialties from Greece, Nigeria, Spain, Germany, Sweden and Egypt. The program featured a fashion show as well as song-and-dance performances by students from Japan, Mexico, Costa Rica, Vietnam, Cambodia, Sweden, France, Korea and the U.S. Loved it!

RESOURCES

I can't give the details, but in November I received the most amazing "gift" phone call I've ever gotten. A great human being whom I admire enormously and who knew of our needs called to inform me of a large gift. If this restricted gift can inspire a few others, we can begin on a deeply needed capital project. We're so grateful for this dear friend.

Thank you so much for the warm notes and generous gifts you have sent for our Whitworth Fund. This regular letter is far easier to prepare than the special one I sent a couple of weeks ago, but your response has been very gratifying. I should mention that this season seems to expose hardships among our students. In the last couple of weeks, many of us have given checks and cash directly to very desperate students. While that kind of gift is not deductible because it supports a specific individual, your gifts to The Whitworth Fund are deductible and can be funneled through our financial-aid office for students hanging by a thread. We are thankful for anything you have done and can still do.

ATHLETICS

I hate doing this after a superb fall athletics season, but I simply don't have room in this newsletter to report all the individual honors racked up by our stellar student-athletes. So please refer to the electronic *Mind & Heart* that will link you to the unabridged version of this ATHLETICS section. Suffice it to say here that no team finished below third in the nine-team Northwest Conference. Men's soccer reigns as conference champs after a 16-3-1 season; women's soccer went 13-5-1 and finished second in conference; football went 7-2 (remarkably, given their youth) and grabbed third place in the NWC; volleyball shocked the conference, finishing second and going 19-5; women's cross-country took second at the NWC meet while the men got third, both exceeding most expectations. It was just a great fall!

Success continues in our winter sports. The swim teams both hold 3-1 records through the fall dual-meet season. The women have been led by All-American Serena Fadel, who has already posted an NCAA qualifying mark in the 200 breaststroke, and Samantha Kephart. Samantha has been nothing less than phenomenal in her first year as a Pirate, shattering team records in the 100 and 200 butterfly, along with the 200 and 500 freestyle. She has qualified nationally in all four, as well. Whitworth's men are getting the usual outstanding performance from All-American Cory Bergman, who has also posted a national qualifying time in his best event – the 200 breaststroke. Fellow All-American Loren Kilgore is close to qualifying in the 1,650 freestyle. It's just crazy for these individuals to be putting up numbers like this so early in the season. Whoa.

Women's basketball went 2-0 in the season-opening tournament at Wilmington College (Ohio), home of the defending NCAA Division III national champions. Though the champs lost in the first round, the Pirates beat Kalamazoo, the team that ousted Wilmington, handily (72-58) in the championship game. Tiffany Speer was named MVP, while Sarah Shogren and Dani Bielec earned all-tournament honors. I saw the women thump Eastern Oregon a couple of nights ago, and they have now run their record to 5-0. Clearly, they continue to aim for the high standard we faculty gazelles set for them at Midnight Madness.

The men's basketball team is young, but I think they'll come around well after getting off to a 1-3 start. I saw them drop a pair of games in San Antonio during Thanksgiving weekend, to very good teams from Trinity and Southwestern. Bryan Williams played very well and was selected to the all-tournament team. Jon Young tied a school record by making seven three-pointers in the game with Trinity. Trinity's coach told me that he warned his guys not to give John a single good look at the basket; but John came out smoking and went 7-for-10 with guys in his face.

ALUMNI

Join fellow alumni and their families on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 6 and 8 p.m., as the Pirate basketball teams take on George Fox in the fieldhouse. This is a free event, followed by our annual midwinter ice-cream social.

Alumni Family Weekend, set for June 17-19, 2005, will be filled with great food, fun and opportunities to reconnect with classmates. See the details at www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend.

Nominations are now being accepted for the four awards to be presented to worthy alumni at Homecoming 2005. All of the details are available on the Whitworth alumni website or by contacting Tad Wisenor, '89, our director of annual giving, alumni, parent and church relations, at 509.777.4401 or twisenor@whitworth.edu.

MISCELLANEOUS

Activities that symbolize the beneath-the-surface life of our students include our sacred-dance troupe, Jubilation, which will present its winter recital in a couple of days. The troupe provides a wonderful means of expression for its participants and a blessing to us all. Another project that includes many of our students is a service-learning project supporting Christ's Kitchen, an organization dedicated to helping women in need in the Spokane area get back on their feet without government aid. Christ's Kitchen raises funds by selling soup/drink/dessert mixes prepared by the women involved in the organization. Our office and the folks in institutional advancement buy wonderful soup packages from Christ's Kitchen to use as Christmas gifts. Let us know if you'd like to do the same and we'll put you in touch with our students.

Well, I'm late for a meeting, out of space and scolding myself for allowing Advent to begin frenetically. But I am not without longing and hope. At the end of the month we will visit our son in Cairo, Egypt, where he serves young people in an Anglican church. While my life begs for personal serenity, his surroundings prompt him daily to pray for world serenity and peace. We need both. We need the Prince of Peace. May you feel his presence richly in this season as we celebrate his coming.

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FEBRUARY 2004

I'm writing today from the same place I've celebrated the last 18 Groundhog Days – Washington, D.C. Each year I come to this same conference to meet with lawmakers and to hear from higher-education prognosticators. I always leave D.C. thinking about how to prepare for the future. This year, however, it's hard not to look back. Perhaps I'm influenced by my new reflective nature (now just over a month old), but the contrasts between past and present are stark and growing. Just 15 years ago I had the privilege of attending President George H.W. Bush's first State of the Union address. I think I passed through one metal detector on the way into the House Chamber. Yesterday we were met by a police barricade before going through four security checkpoints and proceeding into a meeting with Sen. Murray in the Capitol Building, because the Senate office buildings were closed due to a toxic-substance scare. And those screenings were mild compared to the day before, when three other college presidents and I had a meeting in the west wing of the White House with George W. Bush's chief of staff, Andrew Card. Granted, this avalanche of security is lamentable, but I think it's worth it. I find it barely imaginable that four small-college representatives were one voice away from the President of the United States. We set forth our case on behalf of America's neediest college students, and the chief of staff listened and cared. Like its citizens, our country stumbles and errs, as anguishing memories remind us during this Black History Month. But America self-corrects when the people speak, and freedom of speech is as powerful a security measure as the armed guards who protect it. We are certainly grateful for the protection you provide Whitworth through your prayers, advice and support.

ACADEMICS

Weather-related travel demons did their best to disrupt our Jan Term programs. Those flying to Europe out of Seattle were delayed up to three days, but our intrepid faculty leaders – Rick Hornor, '70 (Theatre), Debbie Hansen (Music), and Susan Mabry (Computer Science) – got their groups to London; Dan Keberle (Music) made it to Rome with his jazz students; and Forrest Baird (Philosophy) finally arrived in Athens. I hope you saw on our website the reflections and digital images that we got from Pamela Corpron Parker, '81 (English), Gordon Watanabe, '75, '85 M.Ed. (Education), Kyle Usrey (School of Global Commerce and Management) and their students, as they updated us on their trip to Thailand. Glitches notwithstanding, all Jan Term excursions went safely and well.

On the home front, Jan Term provided interesting courses such as Arthurian Literature; Sports, Money and Economics; Biology of HIV/AIDS; Grimms' Fairy Tales; and The Vices: Virtue and Evil. (I wish I could claim virtue as my most crippling vice.)

We have great speakers on campus this month. While I'm airborne (as usual) writing this newsletter, Laurie Lamon, '78, (English) is preparing to read her award-winning poetry to kick off our annual Heritage Week celebration. Laurie's work has appeared in such publications as *The New Republic*, *Atlantic Monthly*, and even *Whitworth Today*. • Also featured during Heritage Week is one of our most distinguished alumni, Stephen T. Davis, '62, who will speak on *Faith and the Human Condition*. Steve, who holds the Russell K. Pitzer Chair in Philosophy at California's Claremont McKenna College, is an intellectual giant and the warmest of human beings. He will speak on the human condition apart from God and faith and will examine the state of contemporary secular academia in the U.S. • Our featured speaker for Black History Month will be Samuel McKinney, who was a leading 1960s civil-rights activist in Seattle. Rev. McKinney, who stood on the front line of the battles to integrate the city's public schools, is the retired pastor of Seattle's Mount Zion Baptist Church. He will speak in the chapel on Feb. 17. • At the other end of the experience spectrum, our own Lance Sennema, '99, is lecturing and displaying his work in the Koehler Gallery. Lance admits that he's never outgrown his love for toys, and that will be clear from his exhibit, *Busted*, for which he has painted a sky, trees and shrubs on the walls of the Koehler Gallery to create a diorama effect, complete with oversized toys. Lance is as an adjunct instructor at Whitworth this spring, teaching sculpture and drawing classes. I remember him not only for his skill with a paintbrush but also as a very good runner. (I have admired sprinters ever since Coach Mehan told me he needed a stopwatch with a calendar to time me in the 100-yard dash.)

In partnership with School District 81, the Theatre Department will perform *Cootie Shots: Theatrical Inoculations Against Bigotry for Kids, Parents, and Teachers* in elementary schools around Spokane. The actors, including John Conley, Rachael Erickson, Kyle Genther, Anne Hitt, Sreyla Rim, Bobby Walston, and Ben White, spent fall semester rehearsing the project under the direction of adjunct theatre instructor and Whitworth alum Brooke Kiener, '99. What a great example of service-learning!

The Whitworth Jazz Ensemble just returned from 12 swinging days in Rome. During the trip the group, under the direction of Dan Keberle (Music), performed three concerts, one with top Italian jazz saxophonist Maurizio Giammarco. You can catch some of the bandmembers performing in the lobby of the Spokane Opera House when Whitworth co-sponsors the Wynton Marsalis concert scheduled for Feb. 29 at 8 p.m.

In January, Gordon Wilson and Scott Kolbo (Art) had the first showing of their *Collaborative Drawings*, in Wenatchee Valley College's Gallery 76. Both continue to work on drawings representing environmental and social themes in the Inland Northwest.

Mark Slater, '95 M.A.T., received Spokane's Teacher of the Month award in November. Mark, a teacher at Linwood Elementary School, was featured in a *Spokesman-Review* article on Jan. 20. Great job, Mark!

ENROLLMENT

The Financial Aid Office is beginning to review files for the 2004-05 academic year. New students who have applied by the March 1 deadline will begin receiving their financial-aid awards in late March's mail. Continuing students who meet the May 1 deadline for submitting the renewal FAFSA will receive their awards during May and June. If continuing students need summer aid (which is very limited), their renewal deadline is March 1.

Please remind any prospective students you know that March 1 is our application deadline. As we are again receiving a record number of applications, we'll make few exceptions to that cutoff point.

STUDENT LIFE

Jan Term provided previously undiscovered student talent with a stage and screaming fans. Our second annual *Pirate Idol* (patterned after the show *American Idol*, which, like the Pirate version, I have never seen) took place this month, and our students were presented with a cavalcade of guitar and piano duos, full bands, comedians, and dance numbers, all vying for the \$250 prize and the coveted Pirate Idol title. When all was said and done, "Sistas with Step" (Stephy Beans and Sha'Nay McQuirter) won third place for their step routine; Cory Siebe won second place for his original song; and first place went to a dance team comprising 11 of our talented exchange students from Japan. They'll have to split the \$250, but they claim to be very proud of the title.

February will begin with the Winter Formal, in Graves Gym, which will be transformed into a snowy wonderland (a bit like putting makeup on a bloodhound); the annual *Warren Peace* concert will follow, and, finally, the annual *Green with Envy* Dance will conclude the month. (*Green with Envy* is when you set up your roommate with a date that makes you green with envy...or not.)

RESOURCES

I hope you've been able to take a look at the updated photos of Weyerhaeuser Hall (click on the "Friends and Donors" section on our website, www.whitworth.edu). We're currently hosting a shot of the teaching theatre and how it's taking shape. Although progress has been slowed slightly by the weather, we're still on track for opening this wonderful new facility this fall. Right now, an average of 25 to 30 carpenters, plumbers, electricians and other workers are on site each day.

Your generosity continues to bless our students. December was a very good month, with more than \$250,000 in gifts to The Whitworth Fund. This support puts us ahead of last year, and your timing couldn't be better. We have had several large, unanticipated expenses this year, leaving our expense lines ahead of last year's, as well. With your continued help, we should balance our budget on June 30. We'll tighten our belts and let you know if the budget starts to bleed.

Does check-writing bring you down? ¡No mas! We're now able to make your money disappear without you having to witness it. We've recently set up an electronic-giving program. You decide how much you want to give each month, and the gift is transferred to Whitworth directly from your savings or checking account. Call June Hanson, our gift processor, at (509)777-4343 to get started. We give to Whitworth this way, and we find it very convenient.

ATHLETICS

On Jan. 27, Bryan Depew became the leading scorer in Whitworth men's basketball history when he scored his 1,808th career point, surpassing the record set by All-American Rod McDonald (1964-67). Our new scoring champ received a standing ovation from the Bucs crowd when he broke the 37-year-old record. So far this season, Bryan has been named Northwest Conference Player of the Week three times, and he continues to lead the league in scoring (with more than 24 ppg). The Whitworth men are currently tied for third in the NWC.

On Jan. 24, Tiffany Speer scorched the nets for 48 points in a win over Linfield, leaving in the dust the previous single-game scoring record of 39 points that she shared with Annette Sweeney (who set the original mark in 1995). The previous night, against Pacific, Tiffany became the tenth woman in Whitworth history to surpass 1,000 career points. She has been named NWC Player of the Week five times this season and leads the conference in scoring average (at more than 22 ppg). The Pirate women are currently in fourth place in the NWC.

The Pirate men's swim team completed its first-ever undefeated dual-meet season with a win over Puget Sound. The Bucs finished 9-0. The men also extended their winning streak against NWC foes to 30 consecutive meets. Whitworth heads into the conference championships (Feb. 13-15) on a high note, led by NCAA and NWC record-holder Kevin Wang.

Whitworth's women's swim team finished the season with a record of 8-2 and a conference mark of 6-1. All-American Serena Fadel will lead the Pirates into the conference championships, where they will excel. Our swim program is absolutely superb and has not lost a second under new head coach, Steve Schadt, '96.

Spring sports get rolling in February. The track-&-field team has already competed in a couple of events. Baseball (Feb. 13) and softball (Feb. 29) will begin their seasons in Arizona. The men's tennis season begins Feb. 14 in Walla Walla, while the women start Feb. 21 in Idaho.

ALUMNI

Join Professor of English Pamela Corpron Parker, '81, and alumni, parents and friends for a Whitworth weekend in Ashland, Ore., Aug. 6-8. You'll see three plays at the world-famous Oregon Shakespeare Festival, enjoy wonderful meals, and share in group discussion. Information is available through the Alumni Office or via the website, www.whitworth.edu/calendar/alumnicalendar.htm.

English Professor Leonard Oakland will present the introductory lecture for the first annual City of Destiny Film Festival at 7 p.m. on

March 3 at Tacoma's Museum of Glass. The event is free, and we encourage all area alumni, parents and friends to attend.

Brochures are in the mail and web registration will be available soon for 2004's Alumni Family Weekend, so plan now to attend this festive event featuring eight different class reunions and the **first all-era choir reunion.** See the complete schedule for June 18-20 at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/familyweekend2004.htm.

Mark your calendars now: Oct. 1-3 is the date for Homecoming 2004. Friday evening will feature the second annual George F. Whitworth Honors Banquet, and we'll celebrate the grand opening of Weyerhaeuser Hall Saturday before the football team takes on Eastern Oregon. This will also be the 10-year reunion for the Class of 1994.

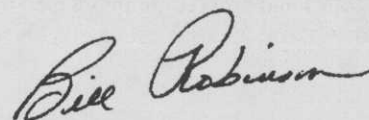
MISCELLANEOUS

Upcoming theatre events include senior Adam Critchlow presenting *The Invention of War: Shakespeare in Conflict*, on Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. on the Cowles Auditorium Main Stage. And seniors Sarah Larson and Nick Preuninger will direct *Theatre as Life* March 6 at 7 p.m. on Cowles' Stage II.

The 29th annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry will be great. This year's program of worship, continuing education, and spiritual development for clergy and laity and their families (sponsored in part this year by the Lilly Foundation) will focus on the theme *The Church and the Marketplace: The Relationship between Work and Christian Faith*. Featured presenters at the July 12-16 institute include Vic Pentz, Sr. (pastor of Atlanta's Peachtree Presbyterian Church), and Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary. Contact Michelle Seefried at 509-777-3275 or mseefried@whitworth.edu, or visit www.whitworth.edu/wim for information.

The Whitworth community celebrates with Viktor and Tatyana Slyusareva (Custodial Services) and their family. In January, the Slyusarevas attained U.S. citizenship. They are thrilled, and we are thrilled for them. Whitworth has been greatly enriched by a wonderful group of Eastern European immigrants who have joined our staff.

My two favorite Whitworth alumni, Brenna Robinson, '00, and Ben Robinson, '03, have launched new life chapters in the past month. Ben has gone to Cairo to spend a couple of years working with youth in an Anglican church. And Brenna just left for a mission project in Venezuela (which includes an excursion to see her younger sister, who is studying in Argentina, and a final leg to help out her brother in Egypt) before she begins seminary next summer. Bonnie and I are a bit dazed. You spend the first 20 years of your kids' lives teaching them to be independent. Then, when they are, it's a bit sad. But what is not sad is that when our children left home it was with a mission – the Whitworth mission to honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity. So we are thankful beyond words for this college, and for all of you who uphold it.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

JANUARY 2004

Happy new year! It's 7 a.m. Jan. 1. Can you believe it's 2004? I can remember in the spring of 1959 doubting whether I'd even see 1960. Back then, each night after "Now I lay me down to sleep, ..." I would wrap up my prayer with a plea for God to hold back the Russians and postpone the Rapture until I had one good season of Little League under my belt. Now if I pray about my belt it's in the morning and I'm asking God to show me where I left it (and my shoes, and my pants, and anything else that's losable). Last night, Bonnie asked me if I had reflected on 2003, or if I ever reflected on my life or, for that matter, on anything. I tried to treat her inquiry as a rhetorical question, but she wanted an answer. So I reflected on whether I reflect. "Not too much," I replied. She told me I better get reflecting, so I did some this morning. After counting some blessings and regrets, I thought about the Israelites singing as they ascended the hills into Jerusalem, "He who watches over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps." And I pictured the prophet Isaiah declaring God's faithfulness from generation to generation. I cannot look back on Whitworth without seeing the tracks of that faithfulness. The history of this college is the history of modest men and women being faithful to a faithful God. Most colleges founded by mainline churches have secularized, believing their theological foundations to be at odds with intellectual objectivity. Many of them have become wonderful schools making vital contributions. But Whitworth has taken a less populated path. It has remained faithful to the proposition that explorations into the mysteries of nature are enlightened rather than compromised by exploring the mysteries of nature's Architect. So that's what we do. Thanks be to a faithful God and to so many of you for providing a great place to explore the mysteries.

ACADEMICS

Jerry Sittser (Religion) has a new book out. I've just begun reading *When God Doesn't Answer Your Prayer*, and it looks great. It tackles what feels like the flipside of "God's faithfulness" that I just wrote about. In the book's prologue, Jerry asks why God doesn't always seem to hear our prayers. He says, "We often turn to God at our most vulnerable moments, when all seems lost unless God steps in. Why does God remain distant, silent, and hard when we call on him? If God doesn't respond when we need him most, then why pray at all?" Good questions. I can think of no one better suited to deal honestly and eloquently with them than Jerry.

Professor Emeritus Howard Stien (Biology) has reflected on his 35 years at Whitworth and his life as a teacher in a set of 27 essays titled *The Improbable Professor*. Associate Dean Gordon Jackson (Academic Affairs) reports that "This anthology is quintessential 'Stien,' as he was known by his students: It's witty, perceptive, acerbic, funny, and blunt. His insights make for a delightful – but not always comfortable – read for those of us in academe, as he dissects topics ranging from the role of deans, and how faculty can learn to manage them, to a thoughtful piece on the state of his discipline." The collection sounds like a great addition to the children's books Howard has written.

Julia Stronks (Political Studies), who graduated from Dordt College in 1982, recently received that school's 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award will be presented in February at a banquet in Julia's honor on the Dordt campus, in Sioux Center, Iowa. Dordt's alumni director describes Julia as a role model for how students can live out their faith in all aspects of their personal and professional lives. Out of this integrated life, Julia has led Whitworth students to involvement in public policy, social action, politics and community development. While in Iowa, Julia also will give a series of lectures and will speak in chapel and in several classes. I just ran into Dordt's president, who says that folks at the college are looking forward to this occasion.

We have a new faculty member joining us at midyear. Andrea Donahoe, '00 (Psychology), will serve as a visiting professor for two-and-a-half years while Jim Waller fills his term as our recently appointed Lindaman Chair. Andrea is wrapping up a doctoral program at University of North Carolina and comes to us with uncommon praise from her professors. We're not surprised. Not only is she a rocket professionally, but she's a wonderful human being and a special friend of the Robinsons. Jen Pifer, '92, is another of our alumni who'll bring our students a great classroom experience. A producer at CNN headquarters in Atlanta, Jen will teach a Jan Term course titled Media and Politics.

Our School of Global Commerce and Management has been quite global lately. In late October, Mary Alberts, director of the Master of International Management Program, met in Beijing with several executives of the China National Petroleum Co., building upon Whitworth's role in that company's five-year training strategy. While in China, Mary saw alumni Liu Di, Li Zhi Ming, and Xu Hong, who reminisced with her about Whitworth. "They loved this place," she says. Mary also conducted a weeklong executive-training program in Chengdu through the Pacific Institute for Business Management, an educational program of the Christian-based English Language Institute/China. She concluded her trip in Chongqing, teaching at the Chongqing Petroleum College while on the other side of that vast city, Kyle Usrey, dean of the SGCM, taught global business strategy to executives of China Post & Telecom University. We

are finding some wonderful opportunities for partnerships in China that will benefit our graduate students particularly.

ENROLLMENT

Here's some important information from our Financial Aid Office for parents and students. In late January we will be mailing Federal Form 1098-T to verify full- and part-time enrollment. This form is used to support Hope or Lifetime Learning tax-credits eligibility. Please consult your tax advisor or go to the IRS website, www.irs.gov, for more information on available educational tax credits. January begins the application cycle for most special-application scholarships. Announcements are posted on Financial Aid's bulletin board in McEachran Hall, in the various department offices around campus for those scholarships designated for a special major, and on our website. Students are welcome to browse these areas for scholarship information. For a free web-based scholarship search, students can also go to www.fastweb.com. The 2004-05 renewal FAFSA applications have been sent out from the Department of Education to continuing undergraduate students. Families can submit the renewal application either electronically (preferred) or on paper. To apply electronically, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Our priority deadline for students wanting financial aid for summer is March 1. For all other continuing students renewing their federal or need-based financial aid for 2004-05, the deadline is May 1.

Memo to grandparents: When you open your wallet to show us how precious your grandchild looks, you might want to pull out a few bucks for our Prepaid Tuition Program. We participate in the Independent 529 Plan, and certificates are on the move. Data from the first quarter of the plan's operations reveal that 92 percent of buyers are parents (c'mon, grandparents!), the average current age of the future student is 9 years old, and the account sizes vary greatly. Roughly 40 percent of participants are making regular automatic contributions (\$25 minimum) through payroll or monthly deductions. For more information, go to www.independent529plan.org.

STUDENT LIFE

Activity levels on campus change dramatically as we go from Christmas parties and cramming for finals to utter desolation, all in the space of a couple of days. On the first night of finals, Bonnie and I hosted a study break. It was huge fun. We had over 100 students roam through the house. For almost 90 minutes, they wouldn't let Bonnie up from the piano bench as they sang one carol after another. As the time drew to a close, a few Christmas freaks (who happened to have the same holiday CD) silently conspired to keep the ball rolling. As Bonnie would end the singing with a final cadence and jump up from the bench, they'd sit her back down by launching into the next verse or the next song. Students were also dazzled by our tree, which they described as "obese." That'll happen when you cut off a tree's top third and bottom third so that you can stuff it into your living room. It will be fun to have the students back. Jan Term activities will include the annual Star Search for the most talented Whitworthian, who will receive \$250 cash. A movie series, basketball games followed by ice-cream socials, and a coffeehouse will also entertain our Whitworth-bound students this January.

RESOURCES

Thanks to all of you who made year-end gifts. Your support is crucial to us. And special thanks to all of the young alumni who joined the President's

Club. When I'm done writing this, I'll be signing 140 letters to recent grads who are reciprocating the support that many of you gave to them during their years here. How great is it that while most of these young adults are paying off educational loans, they're also putting their alma mater within financial reach for students following in their footsteps? We have a graduated-giving program that places young alums in the President's Club while they're getting on their feet financially. It's very cool.

Over at Weyerhaeuser Hall, December saw a continuation of roofing, interior wall framing and the installation of pipes and ductwork. Window installation was delayed but should begin early this month, so we still feel confident in an August occupancy. The offices and classrooms are really beginning to take shape, thanks to 30 or so busy workers from numerous trades. We are thankful that, as we near the halfway point, there have been no accidents or injuries on the project.

ATHLETICS

Whitworth's women's basketball team is off to an excellent 6-1 start.

Included in that win total are victories over NCAA Division I Utah Valley State and a California sweep of Caltech and Pomona-Pitzer. All-American forward Tiffany Speer is off to an outstanding start, averaging 22.3 PPG. She has already been named the Northwest Conference Player of the Week three times this season (out of a possible five!). Fellow forward Sarah Shogren adds 17.7 points and is one of the top rebounders in the conference at 10.4 per contest. The point-guard duo of Dani Bielec and Wenchi Liu had produced 56 assists and 39 steals in seven games. Late note: Whitworth just moved to 8-1, winning the Ramada Inn Classic by beating U.C. Santa Cruz and Gustavus Adolphus (ranked #11 nationally). Sarah Shogren went nuts; her 42 points and 32 rebounds won her the tournament MVP award.

Whitworth's men are in California after a successful Hawaii trip.

The Pirates went 2-0 at the Whitworth Hawaiian Classic to improve to 4-1 this season. Senior All-American forward Bryan Depew and senior guard Scott Bierlink were both named to the all-tournament team. Depew is averaging 19.4 points and 7.8 rebounds per game this season, while Bierlink adds 14.4 points and 5.2 assists per contest. Whitworth will play three Div. III games in California this week before playing at NCAA Division I Utah on Jan. 7. The Salt Lake City media had some fun at the Utes' expense when we almost upset Coach Majerus and his boys two years ago, so they could be a little testy this time.

Good news for the soccer teams: Sophomore Todd Sabrowski, junior Jody Rucinski and freshman Jael Hagerott were all named to the NSCA/Addidas 2003 Far West Region Team. Sabrowski and Rucinski were second-team choices, while Hagerott was named to the third team.

Also, five Pirates earned NSCAA Scholar-Athlete all-region honors.

Kurt Kagawa, J.R. Remington and Brad Suhm were named to the second team, while Ashli Anderson and Piper Moore were selected to the third team. The scholar-athlete teams are selected from all NCAA divisions and from the NAIA.

ALUMNI

Join Professor of English Pamela Corpron Parker, '81, and alumni, parents and friends from August 6-8, for a Whitworth weekend in Ashland, Ore. See three plays at the world-famous Oregon Shakespeare Festival, enjoy wonderful meals and share in group discussion. More information is available on the alumni website or by contacting Tad Wisenor, director of alumni and parent relations, at 509-777-4401 or twisenor@whitworth.edu.

I hope you can come to the between-game receptions when our basketball teams visit UPS, Jan. 17, in Tacoma; and Lewis & Clark, Feb. 7, in Portland.

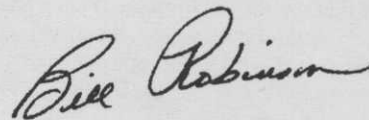
More than 10 different events are on the calendar for Heritage Week 2004, Feb. 3-14. See the complete schedule at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/heritageweek.htm.

Alumni Family Weekend will be here before you know it. See the complete schedule for June 18-20 at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/familyweekend2004.htm. Registration materials will be available within the month, so plan now to attend this wonderful celebration featuring eight different class reunions and the all-era choir reunion.

MISCELLANEOUS

In December I spent a very informative day listening to the Whitworth faculty and staff as they provided their best ideas for the next chapter of Whitworth College. Now we would love to hear from you. We are in the middle of an intensive year of discussion and analysis that will end up in the next five-year strategic plan for the college. If you have ideas or suggestions on how to strengthen the college, please email them to Dale Soden, special assistant to the president for strategic planning. He can be reached at dsoden@whitworth.edu. We'd really like for you to add your best thinking to the ways in which you already make Whitworth a better place.

Well, it's time for me to rot in front of the TV while I watch big boys bang into each other. I seldom indulge myself this way. Aside from the fact that I get worn down by the sheer repetition of game after game, I don't need Bonnie asking me if I think the TV is listening when I'm yelling at it. So I imagine I'll last as long as it takes me to write 140 thank-yous. I hope 2004 turns out to be a year with less tragedy in the world. One of my abiding leadership challenges is understanding the moral obligations and complexities created by life being better than ever at Whitworth and worse than ever for much of the world. I know that we all need 2004 to be a year of Christ's redemption and peace. Again, happy new year, and thank you for your friendship.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

MARCH 2004

February was a crazy month. Much has happened in the past week alone, not all of it easy. But this morning's newspaper got me off to a great start. One of the *Spokesman-Review* columnists is a mentor in our Murdock-funded "Lives of Commitment" program, working with Katie Stephens, '06. While many of us gathered in a sanctuary for Ash Wednesday worship, Katie and her mentor, Rebecca Nappi, were on the streets of Spokane. With Mark Terrell, '94, they were finding, loving and feeding street kids as a part of Mark's Cup of Cool Water ministry, which he started while a student here. Well, when I woke up this morning I lingered under the sheets thinking about our students. Gradually, I began to worry, which I'm pretty sure is my spiritual gift. So I got up and brushed my teeth, as though that would help. It didn't; Rebecca's column, however, did. She told of preparing for Wednesday night by making 36 sandwiches in Katie's hall; she told how this good work was bringing hope to hopeless kids; she told of how much she'd learned from Katie; and she concluded that Katie, "is a part of an amazing generation of college students who consider service to others an integral part of life. They build houses for the poor during spring break as fearlessly as previous generations got drunk in Ft. Lauderdale. Katie thrives on her Cup of Cool Water volunteer work." Yes, she does. And she is one of many who go because they are needed. As Katie discovered about the kids she has come to befriend, "I think I thought it was their fault. Now I know most of them are on the streets because it's safer than their homes." Bless these kids, bless Katie, and bless you, as your prayers and support accompany warm offers of cool water.

ACADEMICS

March madness refers not only to basketball tournaments. It also describes what our School of Education and our Music Department have going on, as both are being visited by outside accreditation agencies. In fact, the School of Education is being reviewed by both a national agency and a team of Washington state representatives as a routine part of their re-accreditation process. These visits provide a great opportunity to learn from experts, and to showcase the excellent work that's going on here. My only concern is that the energy used to prove what we're doing is energy unavailable to do it. Speaking of excellence, Dennis Sterner, dean of the School of Education, was recently appointed to the Committee on Quality and Accountability of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. He also serves as vice chair for the Washington Professional Educator Standards Board. That can't hurt our accreditation chances!

Whitworth's music program also boasts great accomplishments. Our students just brought home the hardware from the annual Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, in Moscow, Idaho. Under the direction of Music Department Chair Dan Keberle, the jazz ensemble won the outstanding college band award – for the fifth time in the last eight years. In addition, two students came away with top honors: Michael Frederick, for outstanding college guitar solo (again), and Chris Parkin, for outstanding college alto saxophone solo. On campus we have enjoyed a chamber singers' concert, directed by Debbie Hansen (Music), and a concert from our Women Composers series that involved several of our music faculty. Last week soprano Heather Steckler Parker, '95, was back in Spokane to perform in the Spokane Symphony and Chorale's presentation of Haydn's *The Seasons*. This morning's paper reported that her "winsome manner and beautiful voice" made for a great success. And we closed the month Sunday night by co-sponsoring jazz great Wynton Marsalis and his band at the Opera House.

Faculty members have been writing and making presentations around the country. Here's a small sample of February activities:

- Roger Mohrlang (Religion) wrote an entry on the apostle Paul for a new two-volume encyclopedia, *Jesus in History, Thought and Culture* (ABC-CLIO, Oxford, 2003).
- Randy Michaelis and Sharon Mowry (Education) made a presentation at the Association of Teacher Educators on research they've published in a national teacher-education yearbook. Their research was done with School of Education colleagues Barb Sanders, Dennis Sterner, and Linda Buff (one of our GSE students).
- Lindaman Chair Jim Waller (Psychology) did a Staley Lectureship at Asbury College, in Kentucky.
- Karen Stevens (Chemistry) received a \$9,000 grant from the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy that will help her department buy a new IR spectrometer.

In another demonstration of Whitworth students reaching out to those in need, 27 students and 13 community members participated in the Theatre for Social Justice Institute. The majority of the participants came from an organization with which I've worked called VOICES, but there were also representatives from Christ Kitchen, St. Aloysius, the Women's Drop-in Center, the International Trade Alliance, Ray of Hope Productions, and the CREW. Many students talked about having their eyes opened and their hearts changed. Brooke Kiener, '02, led

the effort and believes some real connections were made with various community organizations.

ENROLLMENT

I suspect there are a few high-school seniors who worked on their applications this weekend in order to beat the March 1 deadline (for freshmen, not transfers). To date, we've received approximately 1,800 applications for next fall's 440 freshman spots. Applications are up significantly this year from Texas, Idaho and California, and we're also seeing increases from Alaska, Hawaii (special thanks to Pono Lopez, '00, and Cherise Asuncion, '98) and Colorado.

The staff in our Financial Aid Office has been working diligently at getting awards out to prospective freshmen. Because we realize how important financial-aid resources are to the vast majority of students as they make their final decisions about attending Whitworth, our goal is to get the awards mailed this month.

STUDENT LIFE

We began the semester with intramural signups for volleyball, basketball and indoor soccer. Students are playing deep into the night and even on Saturday mornings (sleep-in time) to get all their games in before playoffs begin. This reminds me – last Wednesday I saw Rio Three Stars, an alum who lit me up like a Roman candle in an IM basketball game not long after I came to Whitworth. I got home from the game and my son asked me how the team and I did. "We won, and I got 27 points," I beamed. He was impressed until it came out that the guy I was guarding (Rio) scored 83 points. True story. Sophomore Colette Reid, ASWC activities coordinator (who has headed up some amazing events this year), has begun a Whitworth tradition, "Half Past 9," at which, every Thursday night, students are treated to coffee and live musical acts. Also, the Outdoor Rec office is hosting a laser-tag contest this weekend and continues to rent out tons of snow equipment.

RESOURCES

For several reasons, your gift is especially important this year. First, some surprise expenses have us anticipating a very thin margin that can't handle a hiccup. Second, if you are an alum, you can help us with our incredibly important "participation rate." Colleges are judged by the percentage of alumni who contribute to the institution. Even *U.S. News & World Report* uses participation as a criterion in its ranking system. So any size gift really helps us. As I mentioned last month, you now have the option of monthly electronic giving. If you're interested in this option, contact June Hanson at (509) 777-4343.

Weyerhaeuser Hall is getting a lot of work done on its viscera, so to speak. In February, mechanical equipment installation continued, painting and tilework began on the third floor, and framing continued on the first and second floors. The last risers of the teaching theatre were completed, and overhead work began on something called "acoustic clouds." We'll be in there for the start of Fall Term.

The "Saga" saga has hit another milestone. Although the name has changed over the years, from Saga to Marriott to Sodexo, we have now worked for 40 years with this same organization and group of people to provide superb food service to our students and to the campus at large.

In addition to feeding us great food, Sodexho continues to support many student initiatives, including the Freshman Formal Dinner, the Caring Cans Program (1,200 pounds of food for the food bank), Cup of Cool Water Ministry, the Carrier Connections Dinner, National Nutrition Week and many, many more special events. I think that one of the best things about Sodexho is our unit manager, Jim O'Brien, who's in his 19th year here at Whitworth and who was recently named to the board of Spokane's Habitat for Humanity.

ATHLETICS

The fieldhouse was magic Friday night. With 12 of our 15 1,000-career-point performers on hand, all-time men's basketball leading scorer Bryan Depew scored his 2,000th point as the men and women both ran their season records to 19-6. At halftime of the men's game, all 12 of the returning legends were honored. Unfortunately for the rest of the league, our women's team has no seniors, but the men had a big senior night honoring Depew, Scott Bierlink, Byron Borton, John Gebbers, Robert Johnson, and Pete Svenningsen. After the game we had more than 100 of these players and families at our house, which Bonnie had conveniently abandoned to go hear Heather Steckler Parker sing.

Five swimmers, led by DIII record-holder Kevin Wang, will represent the Whitworth men at the NCAA Division III Men's Swimming and Diving Championships. Wang, a senior, is looking for his third consecutive title in the 400-yard IM, and junior Cory Bergman and sophomore Loren Kilgore hope to improve on their point-scoring performances from last year. Joining them are sophomores David Lillard and Rhys Birky, key members of four Whitworth relays at the meet. Junior Serena Fadel will represent Whitworth at the DIII Women's Championships. She will compete in the 200- and 400-yard IMs, as well as in the 200-yard breaststroke. Serena has scored in each of her two previous appearances at the NCAA championships.

As usual, I'll have a long athletics section in the April Mind and Heart. By then we'll know who received the postseason honors in the winter sports, and the spring teams will have enough contests under their belts for me to make a good report.

ALUMNI

On March 27, join alumni, friends and Rick Hornor, '70 (Theatre), for a matinee showing of *Daisy in the Dreamtime*, by the Golden Fish Theatre, at the Richard Hugo House on Seattle's Capitol Hill. Rachel Hornor, '96, is one of the featured actors in the production and will co-lead a post-play discussion with her dad, Rick. Discount tickets, as well as a play synopsis, are available online through the alumni calendar, www.whitworth.edu/calendar/alumnicalendar.

Join us Saturday evening, April 17, for the spring pre-play dessert and introduction to the spring production, *An Inspector Calls*. Information and registration are available online.

We also want to invite you to Saratoga Presbyterian Church in California's South Bay on Saturday, April 24, for a Core 650 event

with Professor of Religion James Edwards, '67. Jim will speak on *The Narrow Ridge*. Brochures will be mailed soon.

If you are a recent graduate, you'll enjoy Whitworth's new online magazine for young alums. *The Phase* is the result of a collaborative effort between the Jan Term Article & Feature Writing class, taught by Ginny Whitehouse (Communication Studies), and the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations. Find it at www.whitworth.edu/thephase.

MISCELLANEOUS

On February 24 our students celebrated the fact that the 2/3 of the school year paid for directly by their tuition is behind them, and the final 1/3, covered by auxiliary income streams as well as donors and the endowment, is just beginning. By highlighting this relatively obscure fact, we hope to educate students about the wonderful host of current and past supporters who have helped Whitworth attain its current level of success and continue to support its students today.

Our wind symphony & jazz ensemble won't be suffering as they spend Spring Break in Honolulu. Their venues include Kawaiahao Church, Harris United Methodist Church, Central Union Church, Centerstage at Ala Moana Shopping Center, and Waialua United Church of Christ. On Monday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. they'll present a joint home concert in Cowles Auditorium.

Don't forget the 29th annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry July 12-16. Speakers include Vic Pentz, pastor of Peachtree Presbyterian Church, in Atlanta; Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Seminary; Becky Pentz, associate professor in the Winship Cancer Institute of Atlanta's Emory University; and Jack Fortin, of the Center for Lifelong Learning at Luther Seminary, in Minnesota. For more information or to register, call (509) 777-3275, e-mail mseefried@whitworth.edu, or visit www.whitworth.edu/wim.

I hate controversy about anything for which I have any responsibility. Frankly, I don't mind it for your stuff; in fact, I find it quite healthy if it diverts attention from the tempest in my teapot. But, alas, controversial issues dealt with openly and well can lead to important growth in the lives of our students, so it's unwise to duck them. Often, the value of grappling with difficult issues rests on how they are presented. On the surface at Whitworth right now are questions about sexuality, drugs, and several other incendiary topics. In my judgment, there have been both helpful and hurtful treatments of these issues. We need to pursue truth in a way that both protects and nourishes our convictions. But we also need to see others with a Christlike grace that preserves human dignity even while contesting ideas or practices. The best bet for personal growth in all of this is when presentations of tough issues show great respect in both form and content. Jesus made two big promises in his "will" – peace and the Holy Spirit. We need to live by both. May this Lenten season be one of rich spiritual blessings for all of you.

Bill Robinson

of Mind & heart

AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

MAY 2004

Well, graduation ended about four hours ago and I am now sitting in the SeaTac Airport getting ready to climb on a redeye headed for New Jersey. Ordinarily, this prospect would arouse in me the foulest of moods. But tonight I can't feel anything but great. I wish I were a good enough writer to express the sense of privilege I felt walking with 469 graduates into the Spokane Arena today. Written on the lives of these remarkable graduates were stories of strength, resilience, sacrifice, grace and courage. Not walking across the stage today was the dear and brilliant Cameron Gray. Paradoxically, her every mention stirred an absence that pained us and a memory that made the day brighter.

Here are a few of my more memorable moments from the weekend:

- a rich Friday-evening liturgy, communion and anointing service for seniors who wanted to dedicate their educations to the advance of God's kingdom;
- an honors breakfast at which families beamed with pride as graduates began the process of forgetting how much homework they'd actually done to get there;
- Graduate Commencement, with 92 students receiving masters' degrees, inspired by student speakers Jennifer Van Vleet, MIM; Carolyn Cary, M.Ed., and Jennifer Marshall, M.I.T.;
- four seniors diverted en route to Senior Reflections by a basketball game that broke out in my driveway. My attempt to arouse guilt in them by announcing that I, of course, was headed to the event was met with "reflect on us!" as they laughed, kept playing, and tried to cajole me into abandoning the festivities;
- Senior Reflections (*sans* four truant seniors), a poignant and funny hour in which the last four years were demarcated by world events and the various styles in which Charlie Nelson presented his follicles of mass destruction;
- a very successful first try at Baccalaureate in the fieldhouse, where some 1,500 in attendance heard Ron Pyle (Communications) challenge grads to lodge their identities in Christ. The Class of '04 voted Ron the Most Influential Male Professor and Noelle Wiersma, '90, (Psychology) Most Influential Female Professor. Because Noelle is soon to give birth, she gladly yielded the pulpit to Ron, who isn't.
- a great Undergraduate Commencement in the Spokane Arena, with student speakers Jake McCoy and Jena Lee entertaining and challenging their fellow grads after our speaker, Gus Lee, Jena's dad and author of numerous novels including the best-selling *China Boy*, charged the undergraduates to live their lives with moral courage. Of course, all that set the stage for the stage – and the biggest class in our history marched across it;
- a moving-my-feet-only-once-for-469-handshakes-induced pain in my back that was erased by the sweet sight of Bonnie Robinson, resplendent in a stunning spring dress and a Parisian, UFO-shaped hat. She's great.

These 2004 grads will head for more than 30 different graduate programs this fall, some among the most competitive in America. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology lucked out this year with two Whitworth grads, close buddies Caleb Hug and Seth Hubbert. I'm sure Seth got a generous scholarship, but I suspect he will still be hitting up Caleb, winner of a lucrative 2003 Goldwater Scholarship, to spring for the pizza. We also just found out that Carla DePriest will defer her full scholarship to Baylor law school, having just received a Fulbright grant to study in El Salvador.

April brought us our second annual Undergraduate Research Conference. Through presentations and posters, 37 students shared with their peers, professors and family members the results of their scholarship. Not only were the presentations strong in content, but I found the students remarkably articulate and polished. Also in April, six English students presented papers at the National Undergraduate Literature Conference in Ogden, Utah: Sid Friedman, Jake McCoy, Tana Trobaugh, Leslie Nelson, Jeremy Cushman and Michael Achterman participated.

We bid grateful farewells to senior faculty members Dick Evans (Music) and Lois Kieffaber (Physics). Dick has completed 31 years at Whitworth, inspiring a generation of musicians and music teachers. One of his passions has been a popular course that introduces students to the fine arts in an interdisciplinary way. Lois joined us in 1984, and has been a mainstay of her department for two decades, in addition to bringing a crucial contribution to our Core 350 and, more recently, Core 250 teams. We will greatly miss these two superb professors.

On April 21, Lindaman Chair Jim Waller (Psychology) delivered the inaugural Lindaman lecture. His speech, *Deliver Us from Evil: Genocide and the Christian World*, marked the 10th anniversary of the Rwanda

genocide. Jim has earned an international reputation for his research on the question of why ordinary people commit extraordinary acts of evil. While Jim has focused on genocide, we are shockingly reminded by Abu Ghraib that lesser acts of inhumanity also demand the explanations that Jim's research explores.

ENROLLMENT

We're very excited about the incoming class of new students. If you have any questions whatsoever, please give us a call or send us a note. If you don't know where to direct your inquiry, e-mail it to me and I'll forward to the right office.

Award notices for 2004-05 renewal applicants are going out this month to students' home addresses. If a student filed the FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the May 1 priority deadline and has not received an award by the last week in June, please give the Financial Aid Office a call (800-533-4668). As always, students who only receive merit scholarships do not need to file the FAFSA form.

STUDENT LIFE

Graduating senior Jena Lee received this year's Servant Leadership Award. I literally do not have enough room to list all the ways in which she has given of herself during her years at Whitworth. A faculty member remarked, "This student has offered our community a model of maturity and grace, a heart for service, and a keen mind attentive to the needs of the world." Next year Jena will work full time for the music group Jars of Clay, leading them in an effort to inspire activism and generosity from their fans in addressing the continuing threat and tragedy of AIDS.

I hear Springfest was a great success. In order to avoid the many ways in which I have had stuff thrown at me at this event, I was out of town. But live bands, a mechanical bull, sumo wrestling, a professional hypnotist, decadent food, and great weather generated substantial proceeds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Spokane.

RESOURCES

Loath as I am to use this newsletter to ask you for money, I'd now like to ask you for money. Our fiscal year ends June 30 and we're staring at a too-close-for-comfort margin. Some uncontrollable expenses imposed themselves rather rudely. We've teased out the remaining discretionary expenses, but we still need every penny of revenue. I'm aware that many of you hear from us regularly about your contributions, and we are so thankful for the ways you help us. I want you to hear that even more than I want you to send extra dollars, but if you haven't made a gift yet this year or if you have an outstanding pledge, any support of our annual fund before June 30 would be huge. Also, if you'd like to make a gift on-line, you can do so at www.whitworth.edu/supportingwhitworth. It's very secure and simple to do (easy for me to say).

ATHLETICS

(from Sports Information Director Steve Flegel)

Pirate softball broke through with an amazing season. Whitworth finished 29-8 overall and 21-7 in the NWC. Junior Andraya Robertson, who led the team in batting average (.406), doubles (13) and runs batted in (21), pulled off an impressive double, earning First Team All-Northwest Conference honors and First Team Academic All-Region honors. Senior Laura Romag and sophomore Jo Sonnett were also named to the All-NWC First Team.

The Whitworth baseball team concluded its season with a record of 13-26 and a 9-15 mark in conference. Junior Kyle Henderson pulled off the same impressive double as Andraya Robertson, earning First Team All-Northwest Conference and First Team Academic All-Region. The designated hitter led the Pirates with eight home runs and 32 runs batted in. Senior Josh Taylor was named Second Team All-NWC.

Men's golf completed its re-inaugural season (last competing in 1983) by finishing second at the NWC tournament. Leading one of the most remarkable debut seasons in any sport in NWC history was junior Joe Finley, who finished third individually at the tournament to earn all-conference honors. The Pirate women finished sixth at the tournament in their first year of varsity competition.

The men's tennis team showed dramatic improvement over the course of the season and finished fifth at the NWC tournament. The Pirates had a 9-8 overall record. Justin Swanson, a junior, was named Second Team All-NWC.

The women's tennis team went into the final tournament missing April Brast, one of its key players, who injured her wrist the week before. The Pirates ended up seventh in the NWC, finishing with a record of 8-10. Freshman Katie Troxell was named Second Team All-NWC.

Our final team still competing is track and field. Seven Pirate women and one women's relay have posted qualifying marks for the NCAA Div. III championships May 27-29. The only Whitworth athlete with an automatic qualifying time, however, is senior Kristen Shields, who posted a blistering 11.70 in the 100 meters on May 8 to shatter her own school record. Shields led the Whitworth women to a second-place finish at the NWC championships, earning the Women's Outstanding Athlete of the Meet award after winning the 100 dash and 200 dash and anchoring the winning 4x100 relay. Senior Leslie Nelson also had an amazing meet, winning both the 5,000 and 10,000 meters, the latter in a school and meet record time of 36:23.88. The Whitworth men finished fifth at the NWC Championships. Junior Austin Richard won the shot put to lead the men's effort.

Whitworth's Department of Athletics selected four outstanding recipients for its end-of-the-year awards. Swimmer Kevin Wang, a two-time national champion, and Leslie Nelson, Whitworth's first-ever NCAA Division III All-American in cross-country, were the 2004 Senior Athletes of the Year. Record-breaking basketball player Bryan Depew and trackster Kristen Shields were named the 2004 Spurlock Award Winners in memory of Denny Spurlock, Whitworth's All-American quarterback known for his leadership and commitment to his teammates.

ALUMNI

The inside back cover of the latest issue of *Whitworth Today* includes some incorrect class years for this summer's reunion. While all alumni are invited to attend Alumni Family Weekend, this is the reunion year for the classes of 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1969, 1974, 1979 and 1984, as well as all choir members. Past choir directors including Randi von Ellefson, Bryan Priddy, Tom Tavener and Milton Johnson will be in attendance, so it will be a wonderful weekend of music and memories. Register online at www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend.

On Sunday afternoon, July 11, join Religion Professor Jim Edwards, '67, for the riveting story of his recent climb of the Eiger and for his insights into the ways in which this Swiss mountain has become, for him, a powerful illustration of the gospel. Brochures will be mailed soon. Online registration is available at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

Save the date for all of the fun of Homecoming 2004, including the second annual George F. Whitworth Honors Banquet, the grand opening of Weyerhaeuser Hall, and the 10-year reunion for the Class of

1994. More information, including a complete schedule, is available at www.whitworth.edu/homecoming.

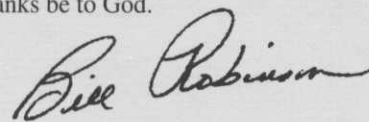
MISCELLANEOUS

For the second year in a row, Whitworth has been named the best Christian workplace in its category of colleges, universities and seminaries. Based on a national survey of employees at Christian businesses and nonprofit organizations, the top 50 workplaces were announced last month at the Christian Management Association conference in Dallas, Texas, and are listed in a feature article in the May issue of *Christianity Today* magazine. Since I had been invited to lead a workshop at the CMA conference, I was there to receive the award. Pretty cool, but not nearly as cool as knowing our people really like working at Whitworth. We are still far from satisfied, but it's easier working hard when people appreciate the effort. I suspect this will be the last time we participate in the survey. It's rather labor-intensive, and I'm not sure how much new information can be gained by doing it again next year.

Don't miss the 29th annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry Conference July 12-16. The conference this year, *The Church and the Marketplace: The Relationship between Work and Christian Faith*, is sponsored in part by the Lilly Foundation. Speakers include Vic Pentz, Sr., of Peachtree Presbyterian Church, in Atlanta (preacher); Richard Mouw, of Fuller Theological Seminary (Bible teacher); Rebecca Pentz, of Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University, in Atlanta (convocation); and Jack Fortin, of the Center for Lifelong Learning, Luther Seminary, St., Paul. For more information or to register, call (509) 777-3275 or e-mail mseefried@whitworth.edu, or visit www.whitworth.edu/wim.

The First Annual Westside Golf Tournament is coming Sept. 13. Because the Spokane tournament is always at capacity and has always proven to be a great event, we are bringing the tournament west. It will be held at NewCastle, which I hear is a great course. Presumably, Jim Hayford (Athletics/Men's Basketball) and Jim Bennett, '89, (Board of Trustees) the event's organizers, will do their obsequious duty and stick low handicappers in my foursome so that I can win the first trophy. The tournament is filling up fast thanks to the work of alums in and around Seattle, but we still have room for parents, friends, and more alumni. Contact Jim Hayford by e-mail at jhayford@whitworth.edu or by phone at (509) 777-4422 for more information.

It's Tuesday night and I'm back in the air, headed west. Less than a week before graduation, I sat with one of my most inspiring friends. In the 60 years since she graduated from high school, her uncompromising integrity, street-smart brilliance, no-nonsense approach to business, and most tender of hearts have all teamed up to enrich college for tens of thousands of students – including those whose hands I shook on Sunday. But she was never able to go to college herself. Our students enjoyed her gift to them every day they were on campus. But I want her to know this: the gift of your example – that the degree of one's commitment is more important than the degree on one's wall – is one I hope our graduates will never forget. Thanks to all of you who sacrificed, supported, cheered for and prayed for this amazing Whitworth Class of 2004; and thanks be to God.



Mind & heart

AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

NOVEMBER 2004

Ah, I'm sprawled in our family room's threadbare easy chair that accepts my creaking bones often and without complaint (and I don't have to feed it or let it out). Last night we set the clocks back, offering dopes like me an extra hour of work. It's not even light and I've already ground out my message for the next *Whitworth Today*. Having suffered the past few days from the inability to form a coherent sentence with either pen or tongue, I was shocked to discover both my brain and spirit in attendance when I flopped down to write. Here's how I started: *Words from an old Beatles tune keep rattling around my memory chambers these days, "I read the news today, oh boy...." News has gotten scary. During my morning shave, it's all I can do to keep from cutting my lips off every time I hear the sound of that jingly prelude signaling the news. "Yikes," I worry to myself. "What today?" But lucky me: I work every day in a laboratory where we are creating a powerful antidote to doom. Worry stands no chance against the stunning promise I encounter in the lives of our students and alumni.* So for the past couple hours I've been thinking about the bright future of a world led by the likes of our students. God could hope for no better agents in the great work of "Thy Kingdom come" than the high-minded, heart-driven students whom we join with you to support.

ACADEMICS

Last month I mentioned the opening celebration for Weyerhaeuser Hall as a part of our Homecoming festivities. Well, we finished the celebration by dedicating this beautiful new building at our October board meeting. Weyerhaeuser family members and representatives of the Stewardship Foundation enriched the occasion with their presence. The highlight had to be when Bill Weyerhaeuser rose from the seat next to his mother and spoke very movingly of how this edifice brought honor to his father, a man whose humility made a posthumous naming the only kind we could get away with. So we are done with all the dedicating and opening that any one building can take, but we are left with the enduring influence of Dave and Annette Weyerhaeuser, and that's just so good.

October's campus guests opened new registers in our minds and hearts:

- Yale University philosopher Nick Wolterstorff, whom I mentioned last month, spoke profoundly at the Weyerhaeuser dedication.
- Jan Bonnema, a registered nurse serving as a missionary in Haiti, spoke on *Haiti and the Children in Crisis*. She and her husband started an organization in 1998 to help meet the needs of orphans in that country.
- Robert Webber, emeritus professor of theology at Wheaton College, in Illinois, lectured on *Worship: Where Has All the Justice Gone?* He also preached in our midweek chapel service.
- Claudia Stevens, a concert pianist, actor and classical vocalist, gave a unique presentation about how inmates in Nazi concentration camps performed music so that their lives would be spared.

If you haven't read Leif Enger's *Peace Like a River*, you'll want to do so soon. Exquisite prose, a redemptive theme, and an engaging story make it a page turner that matters. When I wasn't coveting Enger's writing skills, I loved reading the book. I'm referring to this now rather than reporting it next month because those of you who get *Mind & Heart* electronically will get it in time to know that Enger is our 2004 Endowed English Reader. He will lecture on creative writing on Thursday, Nov. 11, and the next night he'll read from the novel. Both events are in the Robinson Teaching Theatre in Weyerhaeuser Hall, at 7:30 p.m.

I can't say that I felt the Apostle Paul and I had a whole lot in common when I first encountered his epistle to the church in Rome. From my spot over on the bunny slope, he seemed to be skiing the black diamonds of spirituality. But while plowing my way through the seventh chapter, I found just the woeful Paul for me: "I'm doing the things I don't want to do, and I'm not doing the things I want to be doing." The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. So where do we go from here? Eventually we get to the eighth chapter and the assurance that there's hope in Christ. But between now and then, we probably need a new book by faculty member Keith Wyma (Philosophy) to give us the answers. I can't wait to read *Crucible of Reason: Intentional Action, Practical Rationality, and Weakness of Will*.

Kudos to Mechelle Doughty (Modern Languages), who just completed her doctorate in Spanish at the University of Nebraska.

And more kudos to Emeritus English Professor Linda Hunt, '78 MAT, who was recently honored in two well-deserved ways for her book *Bold Spirit*. The book received national recognition, with the 2004 Willa Cather Literary Award for nonfiction (chosen by librarians and historians from around the nation), as well as a Washington State Book Award.

Margo Long, our specialist in gifted-and-talented education programs, was honored by the Washington Association of Educators of Talented and Gifted last month for her years of service in this area. While attending the conference at which she was honored, Margo and three experts in this area

shared their wisdom with new program directors and teachers new to gifted education; they also met with Terry Bergeson, Washington's superintendent of public instruction, on the needs of gifted students in the state. Margo is on the national committee to examine national standards for gifted education. People who know her think not only of mind and heart but also of mind and mirth. She's hilarious.

Janet Hauck, our archivist, wrote three proposals resulting in nearly \$25,000 in grants – from the Ferris Foundation, for equipment needed to collect oral histories from the Nez Perce; from our state's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for a project to teach teachers how to use a Whitworth-initiated CD and video on the Japanese American experience in World War II; and from the Washington State Library Preservation Initiative, to preserve our library copies of *The Whitworthian*, which turns 100 next year. Also, congratulations to Barb Sanders, '92 MIT, (Education) who received \$20,000 for assessment consulting services from ESD 101 to assist with a large math/science partnership grant that they've received.

A team of three Whitworth computer-science students recently solved a series of complex programming problems to win a local competition at Eastern Washington University. The winning Whitworth team – juniors Nathan Backman, Scott Otis and Thomas Wild – solved six problems to beat 16 teams, from the Community Colleges of Spokane, Eastern Washington, Gonzaga and Whitworth. The members of the winning Whitworth team will byte and delete their opponents this week at a regional competition involving teams from throughout the Western United States and Canada.

ENROLLMENT

All of you who know high-school seniors, please remind them that the early-action-admission deadline is November 30.

Parents of current students should know that we have gone almost completely to an online application for endowed scholarships. And the big change that students will see this year is in the application deadline, *which is moving up to Dec. 31* from March 31, with the exception of scholarships for incoming freshmen. That deadline will remain March 31.

STUDENT LIFE

Almost 600 moms and dads joined us for Parents' Weekend 2004. The beautiful Homecoming weather I gushed about gave way to gray drizzle. But as Assistant Dean of Students Dayna Coleman put it, "Although the weather was a little drippy, the parents weren't." Actually, I did see a few drippy eyes when we talked about the halting joy of watching parents and children let go of each other. About the time I started whining about the absence of sunshine, it struck me that not one parent was here for the weather. Classes, our fall theatre production, meetings, athletics contests and spontaneous gatherings all made for a great weekend.

October also brought Massive Monkeys, a break-dancing troupe; the on-campus viewing of *Anchorman*; Warren Hall's traditional *Warren Peace* concert (with the proceeds going to help Floridians recover from all the hurricanes); bigtime intramurals; Fall Break; and "Rock the Vote" efforts to encourage students to hit the polls this week.

RESOURCES

I'm going to do something later this month that I've never done before, and I'm anxious about it. I'll be sending to you a *Mind & Heart* that focuses on our financial needs. Frankly, it will be a fund-raising letter. With pride and absolutely no apology I ask folks to support the important mission of Whitworth – but in February 1990, while I was president of Manchester

College, I wrote my first monthly newsletter because I got tired of hearing people say, "We only hear from you when you're asking for money." I don't think that was true, but people thought it was. So I've written more than 100 of these things while I've been at Whitworth, silencing my deep desire to request your financial support. I've tried to keep you posted on life at Whitworth and to thank you for your support more than to tell you how much we need it. Every year we send out an appeal to support The Whitworth Fund (that's our unrestricted annual fund), and I've never written the letter; but this year I want to do it because there are several very important reasons we need to strengthen giving in this area. So I've volunteered, and I'm going to use the *M&H* format that I've grown to enjoy. I'll still do a regular December *Mind & Heart*, but sometime toward the end of November you'll be getting a *Mind & Heart & Pocketbook* letter from me. I think you'll be very interested in finding how your support helps us so much.

ATHLETICS

The Whitworth football team is 6-1 and making a real run at an NCAA playoff berth. The Pirates have already improved their wins total from last season, when they finished 4-6, and have clinched their fourth winning season in the last five. Sophomore quarterback Joel Clark is among NCAA Division III leaders in passing and total offense and had 502 total yards in a single game at Linfield. Junior kicker Cameron Collings leads the NWC in field-goal and PAT accuracy. He nailed a 53-yard field goal in our win over Eastern Oregon.

The volleyball squad has a chance to double last season's win total. The Pirates are 17-5 and have come close to sitting atop the conference. Junior Bekah Hornor has posted a pair of triple-doubles this season, hitting double figures in assists, digs and kills in a single match. Junior Julie Marsh leads the team in kills and digs, and senior Katy Schrader is the team leader in blocks.

Women's soccer is having an outstanding year, with a record of 12-4-1. The Bucs are the only team this season to defeat sixth-ranked University of Puget Sound. Senior Mary Hultgren leads the team with nine goals, and sophomore Jael Hagerott, the NWC's 2003 Offensive Player of the Year, has seven goals and eight assists.

Men's soccer sits in first place in the NWC with a conference record of 10-1-1 and an overall mark of 12-2-1. The Pirates are charging hard; they've been especially tough in the second half of matches this season, outscoring opponents 23-7 after halftime. Sophomore Niko Varlamos leads the NWC in scoring, with 12 goals and four assists. Junior Todd Sabrowski has the most assists in the conference with 10. (Late note: The Whitworth men won the NWC championship!)

The men's and women's cross-country teams finished third and second, respectively, while hosting the NWC championship meet at Wandermere Golf Course. Juniors Doug Blackburn and Kristi Dickey were named first-team all-conference, with Doug finishing second overall and Kristi finishing seventh. It was just great out there. I timed myself in a swift 33:55, which lacks a little significance in that I have no idea how far I ran. The team and individual berths for the NCAA championships will be decided at the NCAA West Region meet, to be held Nov. 13 at Prado Park, in Chino, Calif.

ALUMNI

All alumni and their families are invited to the men's and women's basketball doubleheader against George Fox University on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 6 and 8 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded and post-game refreshments will be served.

Parents, don't forget to order your Finals Survival Kits. The FSK program not only provides snacks to starving students; it also supports the alumni endowed-scholarship fund. Contact aseverino@whitworth.edu or call 509.777.3772 for details.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Whitworth Wind Symphony will present a concert on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 4 p.m. in Cowles Memorial Auditorium. Included on the program will be the world premier of *A Festive Tribute*, composed by Emeritus Professor of Music Michael Young in honor of Richard Evans' retirement. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken.

Don't miss the Christmas Festival Concert, *Magnificat: We Magnify the Lord*. The Whitworth Choir, Trouvères (women's chorus), instrumental ensembles, and Emeritus Professor of Theatre Pat Stien will come together to perform Jean Berger's wonderful *Magnificat* for soprano solo, mixed chorus, flute and tambourine; the concert will also include readings and congregational carols for Advent and Christmas. I love the canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Luke 1:46-55) known as the Magnificat. I hope you can join us at one of these venues: Dec. 4, First Presbyterian, Bellevue, 7 p.m.; Dec. 5, First Presbyterian, Seattle, 3 p.m.; Dec. 10, First Presbyterian, Spokane, 8 p.m.; December 11, First Presbyterian, Spokane, 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved at 800.532.4668 for the west-side concerts and 509.467.9397 for the Spokane events. Tickets can also be purchased through TicketsWest (509.325.SEAT) or ticketswest.com, or at the door *if seats are still available*.

Our Parents' Council keeps growing in its value to Whitworth. At our Parents' Weekend meeting, 33 of our 43 members were able to attend. This group of volunteers is working hard on behalf of admissions, assisting with college fairs and calling families of accepted students, as well as helping our advancement staff with the new Parents' Fund. They are even weighing in on the college's next strategic plan, which is currently in draft form. Thanks so much to all of you for your service.

I only have 50 words left and I'm late for a meeting. So let me offer a couple sentences from Psalm 46 that keep visiting me these days: "Come, behold the works of the Lord...He makes wars to cease...He breaks the bow...Be still and know that I am God...The God of Jacob is with us." Peace and joy to all of you.

Bill Robinson

of Mind & heart

AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

OCTOBER 2004

I've enjoyed 19 homecoming weekends as a college president, but none as much as this year's. Cloudless skies, perfect temperatures and flaming marigolds framed three days of nonstop, joy-filled activity. I got home Saturday night at 10:30 p.m. from my ninth event, ready to collapse into bed. But faintly (actually, not so faintly), I heard the beat. The Homecoming Masquerade Ball. Should I notch event #10 and break my single-day record? WWJD: What would Jesus do? WWID: What would Ichiro do? Jesus would go to bed. Ichiro would go for the record. Ever the Christian, I went to bed. But images of the day competed with sleep: Those images included the Weyerhaeuser Hall celebration, the happy chaos after our women's soccer team defeated the No. 1 team in the country, and gathering to remember the shining eyes and blazing speed of dear Brent Rice. Brent's life was taken in an auto accident in May, but his memory and string of swimming records now brighten the aquatics center through the Brent Rice Wall of Honor. The most "Whitworth" of all the images that kept me awake had to be the warm satisfaction on the faces of Harry and Marge Dixon as we celebrated Weyerhaeuser Hall's Dixon Classroom, funded by former students who adore both of these great people. Harry's words and deeds provided thousands of students with a living picture of what God's call looks like in the business world and in everyday life. Thanks for your role in helping us carry on the mind-and-heart work of Harry and Marge Dixon.

ACADEMICS

Whitworth surfaced in two interesting pieces in the newspaper last week. Kyle Usrey, dean of our School of Global Commerce and Management, wrote an editorial for *The Seattle Times* titled "Candidates should embrace, not trash, the global marketplace." And here in Spokane, a story in *The Spokesman-Review* about school principals cited 16 who were beginning new positions. Notably, 11 were products of Whitworth's School of Education.

We'll welcome Yale University philosopher Nick Wolterstorff back to campus on Thursday, Oct. 14, as our first speaker in a series to celebrate the opening of Weyerhaeuser Hall. Wolterstorff's lecture, *Educating for Shalom: What Are Our Goals?*, draws upon one of his recent books. The presentation is at 7:30 p.m. in the teaching theatre in Weyerhaeuser.

John "Chuck" Chalberg, a professional historian-actor and Fulbright lecturer, gave a one-man performance on the life of G. K. Chesterton, the 20th-century British journalist, poet and essayist, at Whitworth last week. On the following night, David Domke, communications professor at the University of Washington, lectured on the role of religion, politics and the media in the Bush Administration. And the third speaker on campus during Homecoming Week was a close college friend of mine, Wess Stafford, the president/CEO of Compassion International. Wess spent three days here inspiring students to bring physical support and the love of Christ to poor, voiceless children around the world.

A poem, *Praise*, by Whitworth Associate Professor of English Laurie Lamon, '78, which appears in the October issue of *The Atlantic Monthly*, was selected by former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins for inclusion in *180 More: Extraordinary Poems for Ordinary Days*, an anthology edited by Collins that will be published by Random House in March 2005.

One of the richest elements of the liberal arts is art itself, and we owe a huge "Thanks!" to Barbara Filo (Art), who helped oversee a major restoration of the college's permanent art collection this summer. Together with Clara Woods, a professional art restorer, and two senior art majors, Shelly Williams and Crystal Walker, Barbara cleaned, restored, matted, framed and documented these works. Works from the collection can be seen in the fine-arts building and Weyerhaeuser Hall (along with a beautiful triptych of watercolors by Pauline Haas (Emeritus, Art), commissioned for the building). Barbara reports that the core of the collection came to the college through the gifts of Gordon, '50, and Dorothy (Leavens, '49) Carlson, Clyde B., '50, and Annie (Skeels, '57) Matters, and Floyd and Shirley Daniel. Gifts of art and literature from friends of Whitworth help us enormously. We just received a generous gift from Greg, '54, and Ruth (Jones, '58) Sanford, who contributed their Pacific Northwest history collection, valued at \$22,000. Please let us know if you have works of art that would enrich our collection.

Homecoming Weekend celebrates academic life along with sports and memories. Many alumni and friends gathered to enjoy lectures on Augustine, Freud, and the Christ of culture, as well as to hear directly from Aristotle and Plato (though there's a certain loss of authenticity when Plato breaks out his PowerPoint). We were also privileged to see the premier of a remarkable film about the experiences of Japanese-Americans in the Inland Northwest during World War II. *In Time of War* features narration by Doug Sugano (English), and was written, directed and co-produced by Andrea Palpant, '00, and Rose (Sliger) Krause, '02. The project began 15 years ago, thanks to the curiosity of Dale Soden (History), who came across a photograph of five Japanese-American players on the college's 1944 basketball team. The film is a moving oral

history built around the reflections of those displaced by world events some 60 years ago.

ENROLLMENT

Our 10th-day figures show new freshmen at 471, total enrollment at 2,382, and full-time undergrad enrollment at 2,034 (1,789 of whom are traditional day students). All of these figures, along with SAT scores and the mean GPA, are record highs. Our graduate numbers are pretty much the same as last year. More impressive, however, than record numbers is the character of our new students. Whitworth provides a superb education in a great environment, and that creates demand. But we can't get complacent with the quality of our education or in our efforts to recruit strong students. So please keep recommending us to people looking for a top Christian liberal-arts college.

We absolutely could not serve this many students if it weren't for you. For example, this fall more than 200 students received endowed and restricted scholarships. Further, virtually all of the funds we receive from annual gifts go to financial aid, as federal financial-aid funds have flattened and state funding faces huge challenges. Sometimes state policies get in our way, too. It's ironic that a citizen of this state cannot receive state aid if s/he is a religion major, but the wonderful Christians of the Myung Sung Presbyterian Church, in Seoul, South Korea, have provided Whitworth with an endowed scholarship for these same students, blocked by statute from state funds.

STUDENT LIFE

I've already used too many words to list all of September's activities, but here are a few highlights: Bingo Night was a huge success, with more than 400 students waiting to scream "BINGO!" and win a microwave or a George Foreman grill; Outdoor Rec has supported tons of students with rock-climbing trips to our local Minihaha; Community Building Day involved 15 buses taking students all over town for a day of community service with and for Spokane's outreach organizations, and that evening hundreds of students gathered for the presidential debate. There was also the party our next-door-neighbor students threw. At their invitation, I wandered into this concentration of humanity at 11 p.m., and instantly my glasses fogged, I turned into a puddle of sweat, and, mercifully, the music deafened me. But I was able to hear one of my neighbors yell to me, "How great is it that college students can have this much fun without alcohol?" Finally, Homecoming Week was a blast. I don't know how many events there were, but on Saturday alone, I went to the Heritage Hall of Fame breakfast, the unveiling of the Brent Rice Wall of Honor in the aquatics center, the Weyerhaeuser Hall celebration, women's soccer, a book-signing, the football game, men's soccer, back to football, the Dixon dinner, the 10-year reunion dinner, a five-year reunion party, and, almost, the masquerade ball.

RESOURCES

For helping us lift off on a slightly oversold flight, hail to our facilities-services and information-technology staff. During the first few weeks of classes, the IT people worked day and night to connect more than 800 student computer systems as quickly as they could. Thanks also to students and parents for their patience and cooperation. The inevitable horror stories have been minimal.

John, '51, and Judy Scotford are heroes, particularly to the west end of Whitworth's campus. Having already built us the Scotford Fitness Center, they and their friends Ed and Bev Stirm have now provided funds for a beautiful pedestrian corridor that the college will create on

the north side of The Loop, and over half of the funds needed for new tennis courts and additional parking. The institutional advancement staff is working with the athletics folks to find donors willing to provide an additional \$300K for this new tennis and parking project.

ATHLETICS

It's been an incredible fall already. Below is the report from Sports Information Director Steve Flegel. But as I write this on the Monday morning after Homecoming Weekend, I can add that women's soccer went 2-0, men's soccer went 1-0-1, men's cross-country won a meet at Central Washington while our women took a close second in the women's meet there, volleyball went 1-1 on the road, and football beat a high-powered scholarship program from Eastern Oregon University, 31-28. Three of our teams are currently atop the Northwest Conference standings.

The football team is 2-0 after sweeping Redlands and La Verne on the road in California. The Pirate offense has been high octane, led by QB Joel Clark and a veteran offensive line, averaging 47.5 points and 455 yards per game. The defense is improving all the time behind veteran linebackers Jeremy Scroggins and Daniel Jones.

Volleyball is now 10-2 overall and tied for first in the conference with a 3-1 mark. Sophomore Rebekah Hornor has been phenomenal at setter, not only distributing the ball for a high assist average, but becoming an offensive and defensive threat with high numbers of blocks and kills. Katy Schrader, the only senior on the team, leads the Bucs in attack percentage and blocks per game.

The women's soccer team is 6-2 overall, 5-0 in the NWC, and ranked 24th in the latest Top-25 poll. The Pirates started 5-0 and won at Willamette, in Salem – both close-to-impossible feats. Sophomore Jael Hagerott continues to be the offensive leader of the team, with five goals and four assists. The defense has been extremely stingy. Led by goalkeeper Jenn Miller, a junior, and senior defenders Jody Rucinski and Ashli Anderson, the Pirates allow only .99 goals per game.

Men's soccer is 7-1 overall and 4-0 in conference. The Pirates have matched their best start since their NWC-winning 2001 season. The Bucs are especially tough in the second half, outscoring opponents 14-3. A testament to the team's balance on offense is the fact that freshman Niko Varlamos leads the conference in goals and junior Todd Sabrowski leads in assists. Overall, Whitworth is outscoring opponents 3.25 goals to one.

The cross-country teams are deep and well-rounded. The women, with 26 runners, have competed well in meets at Whitman and Seattle. Junior Kristi Dickey and senior Elaine Heinemann have consistently run 1-2 for the women. Junior Doug Blackburn has developed into a challenger for the NWC men's title. The Pirate men are carrying 25 runners on Whitworth's deepest team ever.

Buc fans around the country, check the athletics website for games in your area. Just to name a few events for this fall, we'll be in the Bay Area for football, Boston and San Antonio for men's basketball, and Ohio for women's basketball.

ALUMNI

Enjoy *A Man for All Seasons*, dessert, and a pre-play introduction to technical theatre from Michael Westenskow on Saturday, Oct. 23. Dessert's at 6:45 p.m. and showtime's at 8. For details and reservations, go to www.whitworth.edu/alumnierevents. Play dates/times are Oct. 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 p.m., and Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. Call 509.777.3707 for reservations to see this modern classic that dramatizes the conflict between King Henry VIII and Sir Thomas More – a confrontation between church and state, theology and politics, absolute power and individual freedom.

Join us for refreshments at halftime when the Pirates take on the Menlo College Oaks, in Atherton, Calif., Oct. 23 at noon.

Professors Michael Le Roy, '89 (Politics & History), and Keith Wyma (Religion & Philosophy) will each provide an insider's look at the new Core 350 in a series of Core 650 programs. The first two programs will be in Portland, on Nov. 6, and Seattle, on Nov. 7. For details and reservations, go to www.whitworth.edu/alumnierevents.

On Nov. 6, hear from Eric Reed, jazz piano virtuoso, who'll speak at our annual pre-concert dessert at 6:45 p.m. and play with the acclaimed Whitworth Jazz Ensemble at 8. Tickets are \$15. Go to www.whitworth.edu/alumnierevents for details and reservations.

MISCELLANEOUS

As I mentioned above, internationally acclaimed jazz pianist Eric Reed, who has released 12 CDs and performed with several of Wynton Marsalis' award-winning groups, will appear with our great jazz ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m. This year's jazz band is one of our best ever; they won the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, at which Whitworth has placed first in five of the last eight years. And Reed's appearance continues the tradition of incredible fall jazz concerts at Whitworth. Tickets are \$10 at 509.325.SEAT, at ticketswest.com, from the Whitworth Music Office (509.777.3280), and at the door. Reed will also present a jazz clinic, sponsored by grants from the Lilly Foundation and The Principal Group, on Friday, Nov. 5, at 5:15 in the music building.

On Homecoming Sunday, I got up early, did deskwork while waiting for the sun, and then ran the back 40. The grounds had stopped rattling and seemed to be sleeping in, as if to get ready for a royal send-off to those of you who visited. As the campus and I sort of woke up together, I thought about the invisible nature of Whitworth's best quality. Everyone knows I get revved up by our students, but when I see what our alumni are doing, I am reminded that Whitworth's fullness cannot be understood without knowing the lives of its alumni. We're so proud of what all of you who walked this campus are doing to honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity. Thanks for coming back to your college. It was good to be with you.

Bill Robinson

of Mind & heart

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SEPTEMBER 2004

Well, it's my morning after, whatever that means. Classes began yesterday. Cowles Auditorium overflowed with students, faculty and staff gathered for Opening Convocation. Faculty robed, students ready, a brass fanfare, prayers and awards all united to signal the advent of another year of mind-and-heart education. In my address I argued for humility as a more promising pathway to truth than the loud arrogance of our culture. It's a tough sell in 2004, but God wants it and it outperforms pride in unlocking our potential. Of course, I used myself as an example of all that is humble and good. Anyway, last Saturday 500+ new students arrived with enough watt-sucking electrical equipment to take care of Brazil. Now, after five days of welcoming students and families, I'm tired of my own voice. So I'll offer you some encouraging words I received by e-mail just before classes began: "...I adore life at Whitworth and I just wanted you to know that. This fall I'll be a junior (and) I cannot tell you how blessed and grateful I am to be here. I honestly don't think there's a single person on this campus who is as grateful for Whitworth as I am.... I pray that you'll continue to be blessed in all areas of your work here, knowing that by the grace of God, Whitworth is a place that can change and shape people in wonderful, undeserved and unexpected ways." Thanks to everyone reading this for your prayers, encouragement, support and friendship. You are full participants in shaping the Whitworth experience.

ACADEMICS

Thank you, thank you. If you contributed to Weyerhaeuser Hall, we were singing your praises on opening day. Some of the furniture hadn't arrived, boxes of books still needed unpacking, and not all the artwork was in place, but we lit the candle and it shone brightly. Students and faculty raved. The building's opening celebration is set for Homecoming, Oct. 2. Also, we'll have a great dedication of the building (with Yale professor Nick Wolterstorff) on Oct. 14, to coincide with our board of trustees meeting and to thank the trustees for their support of this project. I want to thank everyone who's been involved in this process. It's been a team effort led by enormously capable people here and supported by the extraordinary generosity of so many of you. I can't wait for all of you to visit this gift.

We were delighted to find Whitworth ranked second among 124 eligible colleges and universities in "best values" (based largely on academic quality and cost) and tied for fifth in "best colleges" in U.S. News and World Report's "Best Colleges 2005" issue. The second category also includes Gonzaga (fourth), PLU and Seattle U (tied for ninth), and SPU (13th). While we're pleased with these rankings, I continue to believe that mission, faculty, and many other factors are more significant than rankings in a student's choice of a college. We hold an uncompromising commitment to be the best we can be for our students – but fundamentally we are who we are, and if that places us high on the *U.S. News* list, that's great.

We have a great group of new faculty this year. For efficiency's sake, I've listed only their names and departments. Included in the list are full-time, part-time, tenure-track and non-tenure-track positions: Angeles Aller (Spanish), Mauro C. Amor (Economics), David Asplin (Music), Kerry Breno (Chemistry), Heather Crandall (Communication Studies), Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas (Communication Studies), Jolene Fisher (Kinesiology & Athletics), Kim Hernandez (Spanish), Craig Hinnenkamp (Business Management), Jennifer Holsinger (Sociology), Adam Neder (Religion), David Pomante (Kinesiology & Athletics), Claudio Robles (Spanish), Kamesh Sankaran (Physics), and Anne Trefry (Mathematics).

We're pleased that Carol Smucker (Modern Languages) has been awarded a \$34,763 Fulbright-Hays grant to support her sabbatical research in Madagascar. She will spend nine months in this island nation off the east coast of Africa studying Francophone island literature and comparing it with Francophone literature of the Caribbean. Congratulations, Carol!

Over the past summer, our faculty and staff members continued to provide leadership in their disciplines.

- Dennis Sterner, dean of our School of Education, has been appointed by Gov. Gary Locke to a second term on the Professional Education Standards Board, which plays an important role in shaping education in Washington. Dennis and Barb Sanders (also of the SOE) recently attended a national conference at which they spoke on *A Model for Leadership in Assessment and Accountability*.
- Head Men's Basketball Coach Jim Hayford published an article, "Efficient and Effective Offensive Post Play," in the latest issue of *American Basketball Quarterly*.
- Scott Kolbo (Art) received a prestigious National Endowment for the Arts grant as part of the NEA's *Challenge America: Access to the Arts* program. Scott's proposal will enable our students to make prints under the supervision of visiting artists; then our business students, with Brad Sago (Economics & Business) at the helm, will market

them. The grant will also enable us to host artists for print production, lectures, demonstrations, and public-school presentations.

- Archivist Janet Hauck received a grant from Washington's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to enable her, in collaboration with the SOE, to develop and teach a course for K-12 teachers using a video produced by Whitworth and a local movie company, North by Northwest, on the experiences of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Laurie Lamon, '78 (English), has a poem, "Praise," appearing in the October issue of *Atlantic Monthly* magazine. This is just the latest in a long string of such publications. Laurie's so gifted!

Inevitably, our students report life-changing experiences when they study in other countries. Maybe it's because our daughter spent last year studying in Buenos Aires that this note sent by Andrew Gebelin (a senior majoring in Spanish and international studies) while he was in Argentina, struck a chord: "Perhaps one thing that Argentines have taught me, above all, is how to live with passion. There is not one flower in this city that goes unappreciated, not one cause that does not demand your best effort, not a conversation that is not brimming with personality, no injustice that does not meet overwhelming demand for change, and no song or dance that doesn't express someone's deepest feelings."

I'm psyched about our fall Main Stage theatre production, *A Man for All Seasons*. Rick Hornor, '70 (Theatre), is in the process of selecting a cast for the play, which takes place Oct. 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m., and Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. This year we have 13 graduating theatre majors whose senior projects we will soon begin to enjoy. Unfortunately, this many seniors threatens the likelihood that Rick will draft me for the role of Sir Thomas More (which is not to say that I don't appreciate his repeated invitations for me to apply my thespian gifts as a tree).

ENROLLMENT

Large! I'll give you the 10th-day info next month. Actually, I just went (okay, "cut") through the lunch line, and it wasn't bad. I know we have the most students in our history, but we'll wait for final numbers. Please encourage high-school seniors you know who might be interested in Whitworth to apply early, as we plan to admit fewer students next year.

STUDENT LIFE

Our student leaders for 2004-05 did a fantastic job welcoming students to the college this past weekend to the storybook theme of *Once Upon a Time: Sharing the Stories of the Mind and Heart*. While I did make my orientation-skit entrance sporting a wizard outfit and riding a motorized two-wheel vehicle, I'm pleased to report that I shamed neither our family name nor my gender, so that's a switch. ASWC events are in full swing with the Stewart lawn dance and the famous off-campus BBQ providing high-level entertainment. We'll introduce Whitworth Bingo Night this year, and intramurals are gearing up for Ultimate Frisbee; Homecoming and Community-Building Day are also in the works. More than 27 clubs are up and running, with another five waiting to be chartered. Whitworth offers countless opportunities for student involvement.

RESOURCES

The annual phonathon begins soon, and our students will be thrilled if you have time to chat with them. I know the telemarketing assault on your serenity torques up all your defenses, but most of the funds raised by our students are used to support student scholarships. So gifts to our Whitworth Fund are vitally important. Thanks so much for supporting

our students. The stories of the mind and heart I mentioned above include stories of some students shouldering big debts, big workloads, and razor-thin financial margins.

My buddy Lou Livingston just had a birthday. Generations of Spokane educators have loved Lou and admired the work he did as a school superintendent here. Lou is one of the people who've come to the financial rescue of our students, and he's provided for scholarships in his will; but we don't think we'll see that money for a long time. Lou turned just 104, and his wit, wisdom and vigor suggest there's a lot of tread left on his tires.

If you graduated in or after 1994, we have an opportunity for you. Visit the new Club GOLD website at www.whitworth.edu/clubgold for information about joining this special version of the President's Club, just for recent graduates. We'd love to connect with you in this way.

ATHLETICS

Football opens at the University of Redlands this weekend. Redlands is defending its conference title, and Coach John Tully's Pirates will have a new look on defense with seven new starters, many of them freshmen and sophomores. The offense will be anchored by a superb line providing protection for returning quarterback Joel Clark, who'll be hooking up often with Jared Thomas, Kyle Snell and Kyle Havercroft.

Early returns on volleyball are excellent. The Pirates went undefeated (4-0) at the Whitworth tournament, something even the NWC championship teams of 2001 and 2002 didn't do. Juniors Bekah Hornor and Julie Marsh were named to the all-tournament team. Every starter is back from 2003, and Coach Steve Rupe, '89, has a squad that looks ready to challenge for another conference crown.

Coach Sean Bushey's soccer teams are deep and talented. The women pushed NAIA power Simon Fraser to overtime on the road before falling 2-1 in the season opener. They bounced right back, rolling to a 5-0 win over Rocky Mountain. Defending NWC Offensive Player of the Year sophomore Jael Hagerott picked up where she left off, with a goal and two assists. The men also lost their season opener and also bounced back quickly, by defeating Lawrence University (Wis.) 4-0 and Evergreen State 4-1. With three goals, All-NWC junior Todd Sabrowski has the Bucs' early season lead in scoring.

Cross-country's off to a great start after its season-opening meet in Walla Walla. Coach Toby Schwarz's men won the four-team competition by a point, outdistancing Northwest Nazarene, Lewis-Clark State and Whitman. Junior Doug Blackburn finished third individually to lead the squad. The women finished second in the meet, which included the same four schools. Kristi Dickey led the women's efforts.

ALUMNI

This year will be one of the best Homecoming celebrations ever, and there's still time to register for the events on October 1-3. From the George F. Whitworth Honors Banquet to the opening celebration for Weyerhaeuser Hall to football and soccer, it will be a weekend to remember as the Class of '94 celebrates its 10-year reunion. Details

can be found at www.whitworth.edu/homecoming, or call the college (509.777.3724) for details or to register.

At noon, Oct. 23, join Alumni Director Tad Wisenor, '89, for Whitworth football and halftime refreshments near the visitors' bleachers at Menlo College, in Atherton, Calif.

Join alumni and friends on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 6:45 p.m. for dessert, a chat with director Rick Hornor, and our fall production, *A Man for All Seasons*. Reservations can be made at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents. Cost is \$10 for a reserved-seat play ticket and dessert.

We hope you'll update your information with the company that's publishing our 2005 alumni directory, whether or not you purchase the directory. Update your info by calling 800.982.1589. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tad Wisenor at 800.532.4668 or twisenor@whitworth.edu. A password-protected online version of the directory, free to all alumni, will be available soon.

Upcoming alumni events (details at www.whitworth.edu):

10/10: Princeton Theological Seminary reception with Bill Robinson

11/6: Jazz concert (with pianist Eric Reed) and dessert on campus

11/6-7: Core 650 events with Michael Le Roy, '89 (Politics & History), and

Keith Wyma (Religion & Philosophy) in Portland and Seattle

11/11-12: *Peace Like a River* author (and Whitworth English Endowed Reader)

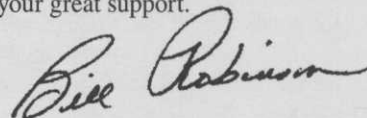
Leif Enger appears in the Robinson Teaching Theatre of Weyerhaeuser Hall

11/14: Whitworth Wind Symphony concert and Dick Evans retirement event

MISCELLANEOUS

I look forward to seeing Whitworth's permanent art collection on display from Sept. 8-Oct. 2 in the art building's Koehler Gallery and in Weyerhaeuser Hall, where, on Sept. 14 at 6 p.m., in Room 203, Barbara Filo (Art) will present a lecture highlighting the Whitworth collection. Join us!

I always feel kind of reflective and sappy as I tumble down from the adrenaline rush of starting a new academic year. But this year conjures up a special reflection. My life as a college president began in the same year that most of our new freshmen began life – 1986. I do not recall thinking back then that the babies born that year would ever become “my” college students. To be honest, some parts of my job get rather old, but as I greeted the '86ers I felt as excited, privileged and optimistic as I did welcoming students 18 years ago. Last night we had 50 students over to the house for a little dessert. After they left I found myself thinking about an e-mail I wrote to a faculty member two weeks ago. *School hasn't even started and I've been a wreck all day. However, after 12 hours of solid appointments, I just spoke to the student leaders. And now life is good again.* There is no time when I feel more acutely that this is what I was made to do than when I am with Whitworth students. I know this reflects the feelings of all of us who have been called by God to this place, at this time, for these students. Thank you again for your great support.



of Mind & heart

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SUMMER 2004

I'm writing this while cresting Snoqualmie Pass as we push eastward toward Spokane. Yesterday morning, Bonnie and I drove over to Seattle and had a great time with some dear friends and then with the members of the classes of '63, '64, and '65 at the home of Kathie and Chuck Neir. Kathie is the greatest reunion recruiter in the history of higher education. Today she hosted 49 classmates and began assembling her army of volunteers for their 40-year reunion at the college next summer. At the moment, I wish we were flying home, but flying in the summer is such a pain. Crowded planes, long lines and unseasoned fliers wreak havoc on us high-mileage types. It's hard for me to understand why the guy looking for seat 31C feels a need to study every single row number. Does he really think that the engineers at Boeing would surprise him by sticking row 31 right after rows 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5? These things don't really bother me, but I usually prefer driving at this time of year. I hope you're enjoying this summer. I know that you parents out there with students home from Whitworth are loving the family times. If you're a parent or guardian about to send your first student to college, you should be in roughly your fourth or fifth month of thinking, "This kid is so ready to go!" Usually, you and that student are even more eager for the first visit home. And we at Whitworth are already excited about your student's arrival. We feel called by God to serve all of our students, and for that we believe ourselves greatly blessed.

ACADEMICS

I'm not sure if the rising interest in character development comes as a reaction to our culture's moral decay or if honesty is just now catching on. Whatever the reason, it's great to see an emphasis on integrity. As a part of the Future Educators for Character grant directed by Sharon Mowry (Education), Rick Hornor, '70 (Theatre), uses theatre strategies to integrate character education across the curriculum for students and faculty at Whitworth as well as for school staffs and administrators in Spokane's school districts. Also, late last spring, 18 of our students took part in the Northwest Regional Ethics Bowl. Overseen by Craig Hinnenkamp (Econ. & Business) and Keith Wyma (Philosophy), the students analyzed complex situations on diverse issues and then defended their solutions. Keith found the experience valuable in that "the Whitworth students gained a greater sense of how ethically complex daily life can be and how important ethical training is when we're navigating difficult decisions."

Programs that explore global ethics are accompanying the renewed emphasis on personal ethics. Jolene Piccolo, a student in our Master of International Management Program, was one of only five graduate students in the U.S. selected for an academic internship program exploring global issues, at the U.N., in Switzerland. Jolene's appointment follows MIM alum Mike Jazskowiak's 2003 selection. Jolene is one of 80 graduate students from more than 40 countries who gathered this month at the Palais des Nations to evaluate and make recommendations on topics including poverty, the environment and other issues that raise essential ethical questions.

I hope the faculty and staff in the School of Education and the Music Department can kick back a bit this summer. This year they hosted the national accrediting agencies in their respective areas. Preparing for these visits takes a ton of work. And the Education Department had double the fun because the folks there were visited by our own state accrediting team at the same time.

It's great to have such good music at Whitworth. One of my friends is president of a college known for its accounting program. More than ever our society needs honest and skilled accountants, but somehow accounting doesn't quite appeal to the masses the way music does. I'm sure there would be nothing wrong with a performance on accruals and encumbrances, but there is something very special about collegians making great music. We were inspired this spring by the Whitworth Choir concert, *A Celebration of Creation*, in St. John's Cathedral. Also, the string orchestra, under the direction of Roberta Bottelli, performed in our chapel; the chamber singers, directed by Debbie Hansen, performed at St. Mark's Lutheran Church; and Rich Strauch's wind symphony and Dan Keberle's jazz ensemble presented a joint concert in Cowles Auditorium. This great music program is a huge gift to the Whitworth community.

ENROLLMENT

For several reasons, our new-student enrollment keeps rising above our target; we'll break records again this year. This isn't altogether positive, as we are committed to maintaining a close community by holding down our size. We absolutely love the high retention rates and we delight in the return of every student. But a sharp rise in the percentage of admitted new students who submit deposits and then enroll has jacked up our freshman-class size, which is now higher than our ideal. I'm sure the extra students will be like that surprise "caboose" child (me). We'll find room for them and we'll all be thrilled they came to Whitworth.

STUDENT LIFE

Plans for new-student orientation are nearly complete; our student-life staff and student leaders can't wait to greet our new and returning students. The orientation schedule can be viewed online at www.whitworth.edu. This year's theme, *Once Upon a Time: Sharing the Stories of the Mind and Heart*, focuses on storybook characters, but the theme also highlights the importance of each of our stories in contributing to our diverse Whitworth community. I shudder to think how I'll be cast for the orientation skit.

RESOURCES

I had my first walk through Weyerhaeuser Hall last week, and it is stunning. The construction fence is down, sidewalks are poured, and grass and trees will soon be planted in preparation for the grand opening. Construction workers are putting the finishing touches on the building's interior, furniture will arrive within the next few weeks, and faculty will be setting up offices by mid-August to prepare for the student invasion.

I'm pleased to report that we balanced our '04 budget with a modest surplus – but, unfortunately, we ended fiscal '04 a bit short of our Whitworth Fund goal. Good news includes the fact that giving to the annual fund was up more than \$70,000 from last fiscal year; our new President's Club GOLD Program, targeting graduates of the last decade for introductory membership in the President's Club, enrolled 108 member households in its first year of existence; the President's Club itself (donors who give \$1,000 or more per year) grew to 585 households in FY '04 (from 558 who gave \$1,000 or more in FY '03); and our alumni giving percentage among degreed undergrads for FY '04 rose just a bit. Finally, overall giving was up from \$5.8 million to \$6.4 million – and we're very glad about that.

ATHLETICS

Kristen Shields, '04, was named Women's Track & Field/Cross-Country College Division Academic All-America of the Year, completing her Whitworth career with a 4.0 GPA, winning a national championship in the 100-meter dash, and finishing 6th in the 200-meter at this year's NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships. After an amazing academic and athletics career at Whitworth, Kristen will invest her abundant gifts in an even more important career – teaching children.

Leslie Nelson, '04, was a second-team track & field/cross-country Academic All-America. She graduated with a 3.98 GPA and earned All-America finishes in both cross-country and track (10,000 meters) in her senior year. She has been an amazing two-sport student.

Cory Bergman was named to the college division at-large Academic All-America second team. Cory, who holds a 3.97 GPA and will be a senior this fall, finished fifth in the 200 breaststroke at the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships. The at-large team is made up of student-athletes selected from sports without their own specific All-America teams, including swimming, tennis, water polo, gymnastics, golf, wrestling and skiing.

Serena Fadel, '05, was selected for the at-large Academic All-America third team. Carrying a 3.92 GPA, Serena finished third in the 400 IM at the NCAA swimming championships, setting new Whitworth and Northwest Conference records with a 4:30.6 time. She also finished sixth in the 200 breaststroke and 13th in the 200 IM at the championships.

Remarkably, Whitworth guys won the big hardware again this year at Spokane's Hoopfest, the biggest outdoor three-on-three basketball

tournament in the world. Brian Depew, '04, Scott Bierlink, '04, and Chase Williams, '03, teamed up with John Mietus, a Ferris High grad and Lewis & Clark College alum, to defeat a field including last year's champions, a team from Atlanta. In '98, '00, and '02, Nate Williams, '98, Nate Dunham, '98, and Jeff Arkills, '96, members of our great 1996 team, won the tournament, playing against superb Division I players from around the country. But this year it was the young guys who kept it in the family as we all roared for them in the championship game. At the other end of the age spectrum, Dale Soden (History), Ken Pecka, '80 (Instructional Resources), John Tully (Kinesiology/Head Football Coach) and I ended up playing six games on Sunday that led to a loss in the championship game of our bracket. That night I was so packed in ice that I looked like a human glacier, but it was fun and we did lose to 1960s alums Len Long, Ted Nealey and Terry Nealey. Kudos to them.

ALUMNI

Brochures are at the printer, and we look forward to a huge crowd for Homecoming 2004, Sept. 30-Oct. 3. From the George F. Whitworth Honors Banquet on Friday night to the grand-opening celebration for Weyerhaeuser Hall and the Class of 1994's 10-year reunion on Saturday, this promises to be one of the biggest and best such weekends ever. Details are online at www.whitworth.edu/homecoming.

We had a great time last month as more than 250 alumni and their families joined together for Alumni Family Weekend 2004. The big thrills for me were crashing the reunion of Professor Emeritus Fenton Duvall's 1974 France Study Tour, gathering with members of the Class of 1944 celebrating their 60th reunion, and enjoying the all-era choir reunion, with more than 90 voices, spanning seven decades, under the baton of four of our past and present directors. Next year's AFW is already set for June 17-19. It's going to be huge. As I mentioned in the opening, Kathie Koopmans Neir, '64, is on a mission and will not rest until she has 200 alumni from 1963-65 signed up.

If you live in Southern California, mark your calendar now for Sept. 18, when the football Pirates head south to play the University of LaVerne. It's a 1 p.m. start with a pre-game barbecue; look for more details soon. I'm planning to be there.

Seattle's Taproot Theatre Company is presenting *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* through August 7, with Whitworth alums Rachel Hornor, '96, Tim Hornor, '97, and Rob Martin, '00, in lead roles. Contact the theatre for more details at www.taproottheatre.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

This month, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations will host alumni professionals from all over the U.S. and Canada for a week of workshops and fellowship. Participants will come from member schools of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities and will hear from Julia Stronks (Political Studies), Jerry Sittser (Religion), and me, as well as from national leaders in the alumni-relations field.

Our Institute of Ministry just wrapped up its 29th year with another rich week for the pastors and other church leaders who joined us. Vic Pentz, a former Whitworth trustee who's now the senior pastor at Atlanta's

Peachtree Presbyterian Church, was the evening preacher, and Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary, taught the morning Bible hour. Both were excellent. Also, convocation speakers Jack Fortin (Luther Seminary), Rebecca Pentz (Emory University) and Ed Silvoso (Harvest Evangelism) provided seminars and convocation addresses throughout the week. Dean of the Chapel Terry McGonigal reports that this year's 175 participants engaged the institute's theme, *The Church and the Marketplace*, with great eagerness.

Mission volunteer Amy Robinson, '03 (no relation), called from the floor of our Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly to report that Rev. Susan R. Andrews, moderator of the 215th General Assembly, included this paragraph in her opening sermon: "Westminster Presbyterian Church in Spokane, Wash., is one of the more than 50 percent of our churches with fewer than 100 members. But this evangelical congregation is a mega-church if you measure the amount of grace bubbling up within its walls. Their Sunday-morning worship community is growing as they welcome the neighborhood, many of whom are poor or mentally disabled or suffering from addiction. But it is Monday through Saturday when the real worship of the congregation – the liturgy of love – takes place." Andrews went on to mention weekly outreach at Westminster including Christ's Kitchen, Bible study, prayer meetings, a job-skills program for women on welfare, Christ's Clinic (volunteer doctors and nurses who offer comprehensive medical care to the uninsured for \$15 a visit), a clothing cupboard, a food pantry, and a house next door filled with Whitworth College students who provide mentoring, Bible study and hospitality to the children of that neighborhood. It was great having the moderator visit campus this spring, and we appreciate her report.

Earlier this summer I went on a short trip to Seoul, South Korea. The wear and tear of leaving on Friday and getting home the following Tuesday was nothing compared with the inspiration I received from worshipping at Myung Sung Presbyterian Church. Six times every Sunday, the beautiful 4,000+-seat sanctuary overflows. Rev. Sam Whan Kim preaches with grace, humility and power. And while I found myself totally in the dark linguistically, the light of Christ in these people shone brightly. It was my privilege to preach at the Sunday-evening service. Although I'm sure folks were disappointed to find a substitute for Rev. Kim, their warm reception prompted me to ask my good friend and translator, Princeton Theological Seminary Professor Sang Lee, if my sermon was okay. He responded by winking and saying, "Not bad, but not nearly as good as the one I preached." My Sunday joy turned to profound sadness on Monday when I visited the demilitarized zone. Watching armed, uniformed teenagers guard the North Korean border, I prayed for the unification of Korea. As I left Seoul and reflected on the amazing ministry of Myung Sung and other Christian churches sweeping across South Korea, I remembered Christ's word to Peter: "I will build my church...." It's a privilege for us to participate in building Christ's church by giving ourselves to Whitworth's students. Thanks so much for your support.

Bill Robinson